

FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS BOOK AUTHORS

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Foreword

Fairbury is a small town located in Central Illinois. It is 100 miles south of Chicago and 60 miles east of Peoria. It was founded in 1857 when the railroad first crossed Central Illinois.

This short story attempts to document all the Fairbury citizens who have authored books over the years.

Several of these book authors are major figures in the history of Fairbury. Additional biographical and historical information for these book authors is included in this short story.

It turned out to be a challenging task to identify all of the book authors from Fairbury. If anyone has inadvertently not been included, the author apologizes in advance for any mistakes.

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CHAPTER 1

Introduction

Several sources were used to determine which Fairbury citizens have authored books. These sources included Amazon.com, the Library of Congress web site, Dominy Memorial Library, the Fairbury Echoes Museum, and Google searches.

The end result of this research was the compilation of a spreadsheet. This spreadsheet includes the author's name, book title, and year of publication.

This spreadsheet was then used as the primary source for writing this short story.

An alphabetical list of all the book authors from the Fairbury area is shown below. The next chapter will contain all their book information in alphabetical order.

	Last Name	First Name
1	Albee	Dale R.
2	Ambrose	Larry
3	Broquard	Don
4	Canonge	Deanna Nussbaum
5	Decker	Neva Loy
6	Duncan	Debbie Jo Bachtold
7	Elliott	Matt
8	Ervin	Don L.
9	Garber	Lee Orville
10	Goembel	Sally J. Wessels
11	Hankes	Ray
12	Hankes	Ellen
13	Headley	Kenneth Edward
14	Hernandez	M. Shannon Spray
15	Hoffman	Muriel Martens
16	Ifft	Gary
17	James	Alma Lewis
18	Leman	Chad
19	Maley	Dale C.
20	Matson	John
21	McDonald	Dr. John
22	McMichael	Leah
23	Moore	Sandra Jean
24	Morsch	Mary Bodley
25	Nussbaum	Benjamin
26	Romig	Ralph V.
27	Schuette	Stephen D.
28	Simon	Erik
29	Stackpole	William T.
30	Steidinger	Trish
31	Stein	Mary O.
32	Sutter	Bob
33	Townsend	Francis E.
34	Waibel	Wendy Kaye Zehr
35	Wells	Judith K.
36	Yoder	Carolyn
37	Zimmerman	Lois

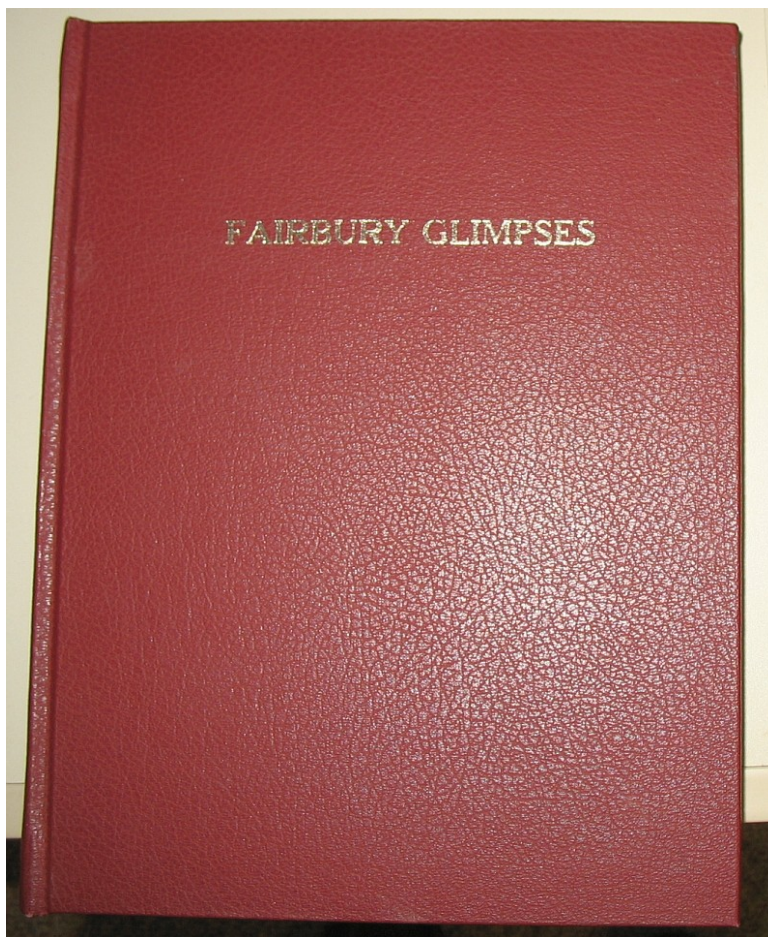
CHAPTER 2

Book Authors in Alphabetical Order

ALBEE, DALE R.

Dale Albee grew up in Fairbury and graduated in the Fairbury-Cropsey High School Class of 1951.

In 1991, he published a book titled *Fairbury Glimpses*.



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Fairbury Glimpses (July 28, 1960)

Hello! My name is Dale Albee and I would like to become acquainted with you.

This is my first stab at writing a column. I'm hoping all errors seen hereafter will be excusable.

Perhaps a good many of you readers do not know me, so I would like to give you a short autobiographical sketch.

I moved to Fairbury with my mother, father and two brothers in November 1940. I've called this my hometown wherever I might have been these past 20 years.

Graduating from Fairbury-Cropsey High School in 1951, Ron Walker, Ernie Shult and I enrolled at Southern Illinois University [Carbondale] that fall.

One term later I was back in Fairbury working for a living. Those two stayed on.

After roaming around for a year it looked as though a hitch in the U.S. Army might prove worthy. One year of these two years was spent in the Marshall Islands on Eniwetok.

This was the time of the hydrogen blasts during the spring of 1954.

Jeannette Strobe, now Mrs. Richard Kilgus, introduced me to Maralyn Lucille Lauterbach of Milford who was working for State Farm in Bloomington at the time. We married in August 1954.

Three little girls have blessed our marriage: Patricia Annette, 3½; Pamela Sue, 2½; and Paulette Denise, six-weeks-old.

After two more attempts at higher learning, officials awarded the "sheepskin" in August 1959 from Illinois State University.

I taught in Towanda and in Ciudad Trujillo [Santo Domingo], Dominican Republic.

This brings us down to the present time.

Journalism has been working out okay for me. I do make an occasional mistake with commas, possession and verbs.

Thanks to Mrs. Al [Voda] Kilgus, I received a strong English background in the seventh and eighth grades at Isaac Walton

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Fairbury Glimpses first appeared in *The Blade* as a weekly column written during 1960-66 by Dale R. Albee.

Some words and phrases have been deleted because of space limitations, changed to correct original style or to facilitate ease of reading.

Permission to use this material was granted in 1988 by James H. Roberts, *Blade* owner, editor and publisher; and in 1990 by Larry Knilands, *Blade* Executive Editor.

It is not the intent of the author to injure any person or organization through the writing of this book. Hopefully, it will be viewed as a recording of a brief period of Fairbury history.

In 1996, he published a book titled *Albee/Perkins Family History: Births & Deaths of Family & Friends*

A copy of this book is at the Fairbury Dominy Memorial Library call number R929.2 ALB.

The book cover and some excerpted pages are shown below:

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FAMILY HISTORY

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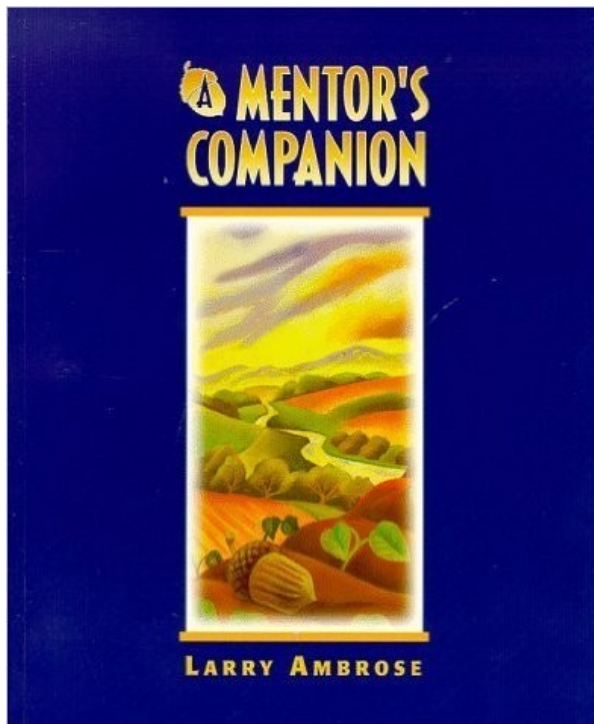
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AMBROSE, LARRY

Larry was in the Class of 1957 at Fairbury-Cropsey High School. He has written several books about the topic of mentoring.

In 1998, he wrote a book titled *A Mentor's Companion*:



From Amazon.com:

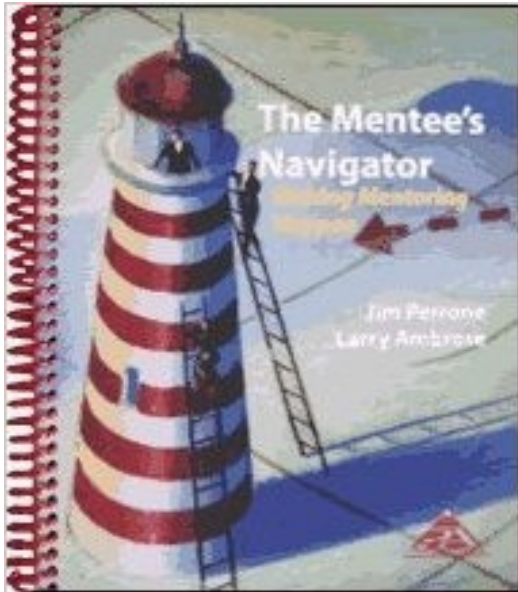
A Mentor's Companion is a book written for the active or prospective mentor. Its goal is to be a focused, practical guide into the texture of the mentoring interaction between mentor and protégé. Combining a unique recipe of live dialogues between a mentor and her protégé, with guidelines that glean the key learning from the dialogues, the book teaches the "moves" the mentor should consider in maximizing the learning possibilities for the protégé. Each dialogue and summary is followed by a third course - menus of questions and statements from which the mentor can sample when preparing a mentoring conversation.

As a part of their mission, mentors give advice, but this book is not a "how to give advice" book. The concentration, instead, is on using oneself as a catalyst with the mentee (who is also referred to as "protégé" or "partner"). The mission of this book is to distinguish and dramatize the skills of the mentor-those probes, those challenges, those inquiries and provocative questions that will inspire thought, stimulate reflection, tap discovery, and generate a new intelligence in the protégé.

The early chapters describe the mentoring process, the purpose of mentoring, what it is and what it isn't, and the kinds of skills necessary to develop as a mentor. The purpose of later chapters is to carry the mentor through the mentoring action itself, dramatizing it with examples, guidelines, and specific menus of questions and inputs for interacting with the mentee. Each chapter features a different major activity one can expect to engage in with a protégé: making contact and getting acquainted, working on problems, giving performance and behavioral feedback, making developmental assignments, and conducting after-action reviews.

This is probably not a "beach" book. It's also not a book the mentor will likely read from beginning to end-in fact, skipping around is recommended, using what is most relevant at the appropriate moment. It is, however, a valuable reference and guide for any aspect of the mentoring charge. A Mentor's Companion's vision is to accompany the mentor as he or she takes on the important challenge of helping others unlock their true potential.

In 2005, he wrote another book titled *The Mentee's Navigator: Making Mentoring Happen*.



From Amazon.com:

The Mentee's Navigator is the new handbook for people who want to learn and grow and take charge of their own careers.

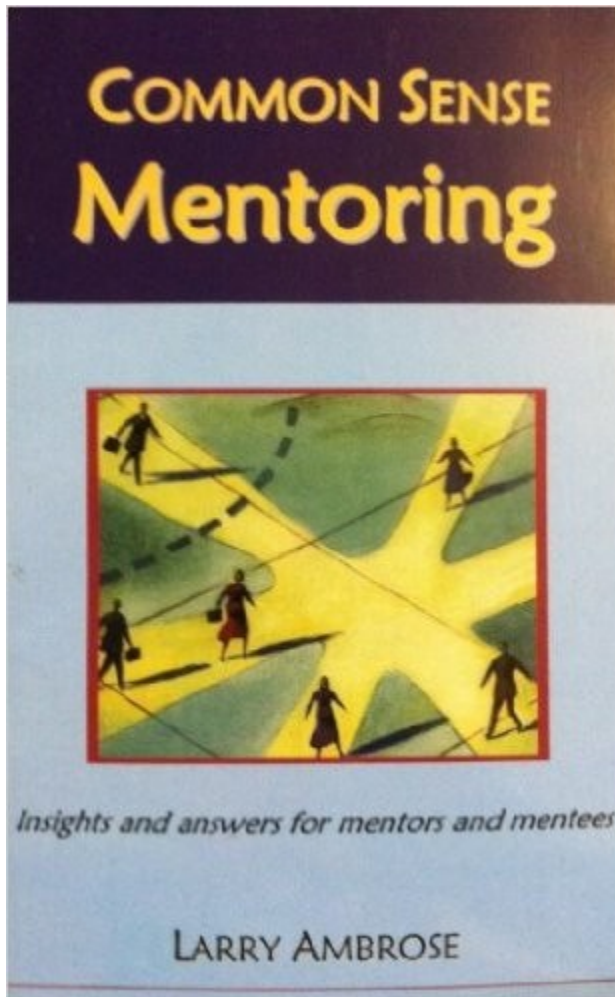
Use The Mentee's Navigator to:

- Learn the Principles of Mentee Success
- Create goals to guide your mentoring focus
- Build a partnership with your mentor
- Review and refresh your mentoring partnership
- Track progress and chronicle your lessons learned

The Mentee's Navigator will be your guide and your record. It will become a keepsake of your learning voyage.

The Mentee's Navigator will become for mentees what A Mentor's Companion by Larry Ambrose has become for mentors.

Larry wrote his third book in 2008 titled *Common Sense Mentoring*.



BROQUARD, DON

He and Bob Sutter wrote a book in 2005 titled *The Family of Jacob & Katherine Sutter*. A copy of this book is in the Fairbury Echoes Museum.

THE FAMILY OF



Jacob & Katherine

SUTTER

FORWARD

We wish to thank the many relatives who have helped with this Sutter family book. It would have been impossible to put together the information on the more than two thousand family members without your help. It has also been a wonderful experience for us to contact so many of you by telephone, letter and email. Thank you so much!

We have tried our best to include everyone, to have the correct spelling of names and to have all dates correct. However, you will inevitably find some errors in all of the above, and we apologize for this. If you find errors we would sincerely appreciate it if you would contact us so we can correct our database. We have used Family Tree Maker Version 11 to compile all of the information for this book. Data from this program can easily be transferred to any major genealogy software through a GEDCOM file, and we would be pleased to share this with any Sutter family relative who would like a copy. The main text of this book was converted to WORD format so that we can also provide electronic copies in that mode as well.

The Sutter family history is divided into fifteen sections, one for each child of Jacob and Katherine Sutter. The number "1" precedes the name of each of their children, representing the first generation. Each of the children's children (grandchild) will have a "2" in front of their name representing the second generation, and so forth. Therefore, among all families a "5" in front of a name will always represent the fifth generation, or great-great-great grandchild of Jacob and Katherine. A plus (+) sign indicates a marriage. The final section is an alphabetical index of all that are included in this book.

We found that the names of Jacob and Katherine and their children were spelled in various ways as a result of German names that evolved to a more English form. For instance, the oldest daughter, Eliza, was at various times also called Elisa, Liza, or Elizabeth. In most cases we have tried to use the names that were commonly used later in their lives.

It has been thirty years since the 1975 Sutter family book was published. It is our hope that this 2005 edition will serve to rekindle family ties and instill a sense of heritage for all of us, particularly the younger members of our family. Over the past two years that we have been working on this book we have gathered addresses and contact information for many of the families listed here, and we are willing to share that information with any family member. We hope you enjoy our Sutter family book, it's a great family!

Don Broquard

Bob Sutter

May 15, 2005

CANONGE, DEANNA NUSSBAUM

Deanna wrote a parenting book with a French psychiatrist and it was published in French. Deanna wrote the book in English, then it was translated into French. The book title is *Managing a Challenging Child Every Day*.



DECKER, NEVA LOY

Miss Neva Loy Decker made a scrapbook of Word War I. This scrapbook is in the Echoes Museum in Fairbury.

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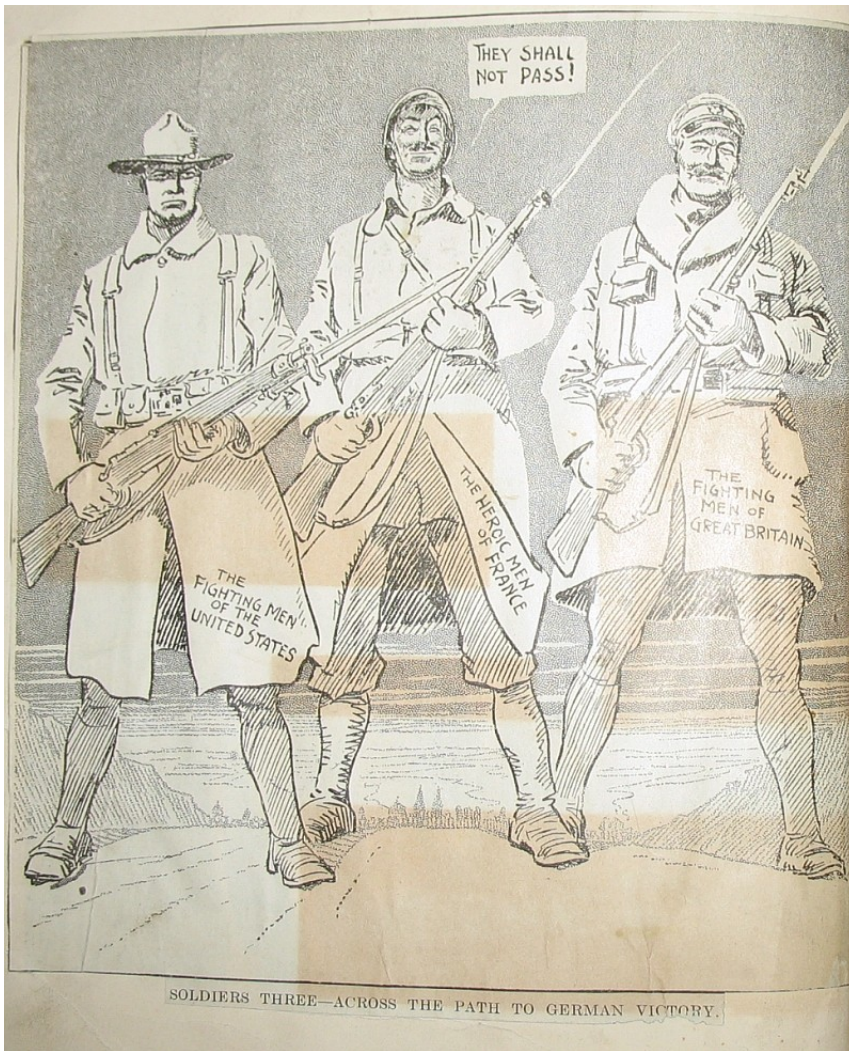
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SOLDIERS THREE—ACROSS THE PATH TO GERMAN VICTORY.



The 1985 Blade covered her 95th birthday:

Open House set Sunday for Neva Decker's birthday

An Open House will be held Sunday for Neva Decker from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Helen Lewis Smith Pavilion's Dayroom in Fairbury in honor of her 95th birthday.

The open house is being hosted by Neva's niece, Dorothy Nance of Kankakee. All friends are invited to attend. Cake and coffee will be served.

She was born March 8, 1890 in Pontiac. At six, she moved to Fairbury with her parents, William B. and Emma Foster Decker. Her father and two uncles Nathan and Henry Foster owned the Electrical Light business here for many years.



NEVA DECKER

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Thursday, Mar. 7, 1985
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Neva Decker passed away in 1986:

Neva Loy Decker

FAIRBURY — Neva Loy Decker, 96, a lifelong resident of Fairbury and a member of her church choir for more than 50 years, died at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday (April 30, 1986) at Fairbury Hospital.

There will be a private burial in Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury. Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First United Presbyterian Church of Fairbury, the Rev. Galen Schwarz officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church after the service. Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, had charge of arrangements.

Miss Decker was born March 8, 1890, at Pontiac, a daughter of Wil-

liam B. and Emma Foster Decker.

Survivors include nieces and nephews.

Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Miss Decker was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Fairbury where she sang in the choir for a half century. She was a member of the Women's Circle of the church, the 20th Century Club and the Sorority Club of Fairbury.

Memorials may be made to the church.

DUNCAN, DEBBIE JO BACHTOLD

Debbie Jo Bachtold Duncan lost both of her children in tragic accidents.

Weston Curtis Friedman

Memorial

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Birth: Oct. 24, 1990

Death: Jun. 17, 2001

AgE 10, was killed in a single kart accident in Avoca Township, Illinois. While driving a homemade fun kart, Weston of Fairbury, Illinois drove into the side of a pickup truck.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandpa, Edward Bachtold; one uncle, Kurt Bachtold; and one sister, Derica Jo Friedman.

Burial:

[Graceland Cemetery](#)

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Derica Jo Friedman

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Birth: Dec. 8, 1987
Death: Dec. 26, 2003

Age 16 of Fairbury died at 11:02 p.m. Friday (Dec. 26, 2003) at 100 North, approximately 1/2 mile West of 3500 East Road, Germanville Township, Livingston County, in an auto accident.

She was born Dec. 8, 1987, in Pontiac, a daughter of Curtis J. and Deborah Jo Bachtold Friedman.

She was a sophomore at Prairie Central High School, Fairbury.

Survivors include her mother, Debbie Jo (Mark) Duncan, Fairbury; her father, Curtis (Jane) Friedman, Fairbury; maternal grandmother, Judith Harper, Fairbury; paternal grandparents, Henry and Marjorie Friedman, Fairbury; paternal step-grandma, Eddie Moulton, Fairbury; and two stepbrothers.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandpa, Edward Bachtold; ... one uncle, Kurt Bachtold; and one brother, Weston Curtis Friedman.

Burial:
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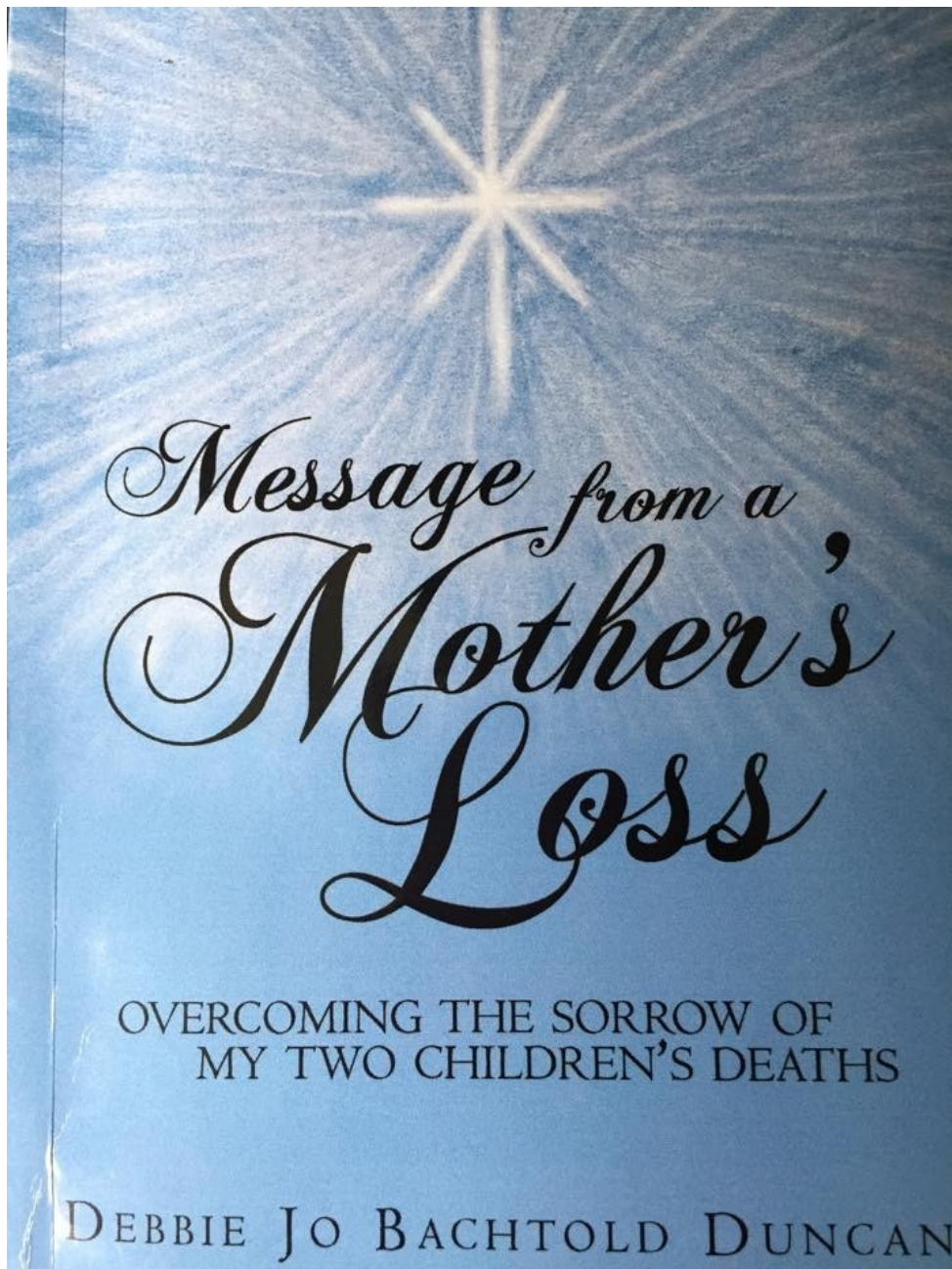


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Debbie Jo Bachtold Duncan wrote a book about losing her only two children titled *Message from a Mother's Loss: Overcoming the Sorrow of My Two Children's Death*.

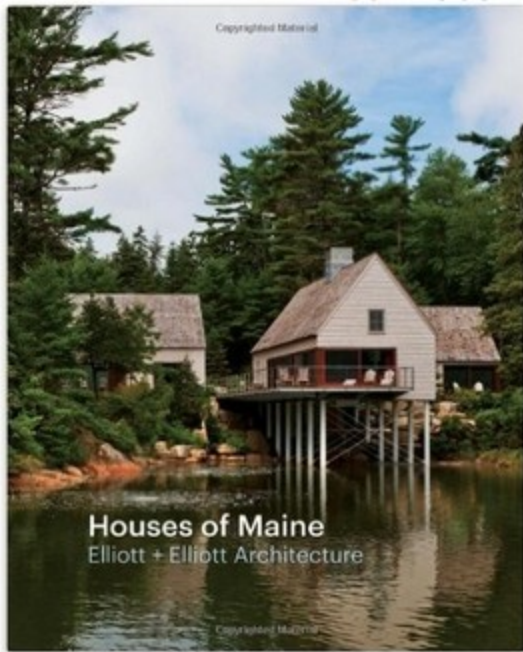


Per the July 1, 2007 Pantagraph, a copy of her book was donated to the Dominy Library:

**Dominy Memorial Library,
Fairbury:** Message from a Mother's Loss: Overcoming the Sorrow of My Two Children's Death,
Debbie Jo Bachtold Duncan.

ELLIOTT, MATT

Matt Elliott is a Fairbury native that became an architect. He wrote a book titled *Houses of Maine* in 2013.



From Amazon.com:

"There have been many influences for us over the years but the defining factor in our firm's work is that we practice architecture in Maine, amidst extraordinary and ordinary beauty." Although it has become something of a cliché for architects to say they pay close attention to a building's site and surroundings, for Elliott + Elliott Architecture, residing, working, and building along Maine's rugged coast has translated not only into refreshing architectural forms whose roots in tradition are clear, but also into collaborative processes with local builders and artisans, in the spirit of the shipbuilders and craftsmen of the state's history. Featuring six of their most emblematic residential

projects, Houses of Maine demonstrates that, in the right hands, the rough-around-the-edges individualism and often harsh natural environment for which this coast is known allow for a balanced, serene, and vernacular architecture whose links with the past create nothing less than a confidently optimistic preview of the region's architectural future.

Editorial Reviews

Review

"A love letter to coastal Maine." -- BOSTON MAGAZINE

"This deliciously quiet book is the first on the husband-wife firm.. All six [featured homes] achieve dignity, simplicity, and authenticity." -- INTERIOR DESIGN

"Stunning... An extraordinary monograph." -- METROPOLIS

"Few locales conjure up more summer fantasies than idyllic Maine. In Houses of Maine: Elliott + Elliott Architecture, the Pine Tree State takes the spotlight in a tour of some of the gorgeous homes that dot the coast from Cape Cod to Mount Desert Island." -- THE DAILY BEAST

"Beautiful." -- NEW ENGLAND HOME

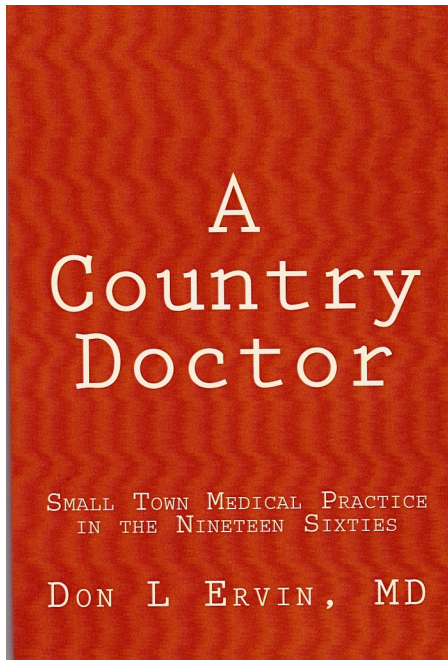
About the Author

Husband-and-wife team of Matthew and Elizabeth Elliott formed Elliott + Elliott Architecture in 1993

ERVIN, DR. DON L.

Dr. Ervin was a doctor in Fairbury in the 1960's. He treated patients in the Fairbury hospital.

He wrote a short book in 2012 which includes several stories of his medical practice in Fairbury. This book is titled *A Country Doctor: Small Town Medical Practice in the Nineteen Sixties*.

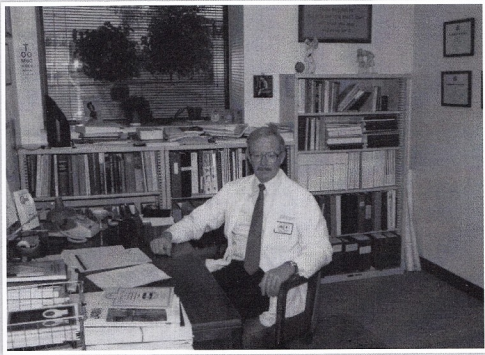


Some pictures excerpted from his book are shown below:

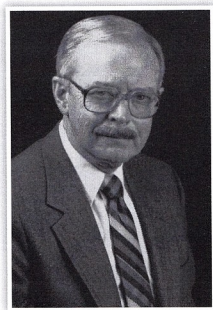


Dr. Ervin and family

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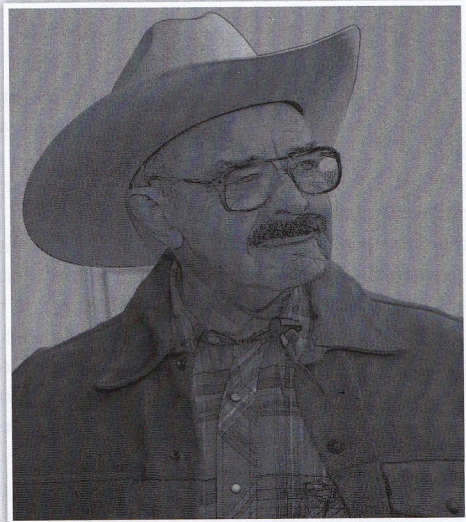


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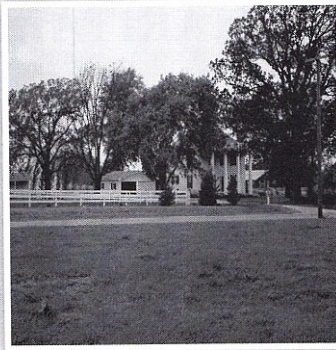


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A COUNTRY DOCTOR



"Dream house" before



"Dream house" after



Dr. Ervin and family

Dr. Ervin passed away in 2015. A copy of his obituary is below:

Dr. Don Ervin

EVERGREEN, COLO.—Dr. Don “Flip” Ervin, 85, Evergreen, Colo., formerly of Fairbury, died Thursday, April 16, 2015.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Dr. Ervin was born Jan. 23, 1930 in Effingham, the son of Mark and Sylvia Pearl Bolin Ervin. They preceded him in death.



Dr. Ervin

Survivors include three children, Ann Ervin Janitell, Mark Richard Ervin and Daniel (Ann) Arden Ervin, and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Mark Ervin.

Dr. Ervin graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine, served in the U.S. Army as a Captain, and then had a booming family practice in Fairbury and a large surrounding area. He had a needlepoint picture that said, “There isn’t much to see in a small town, but what you hear makes up for it.” In 1970 he moved his family to Denver, Colo. and had a long and happy relationship with St. Joseph’s Hospital, culminating in a vice presidency.

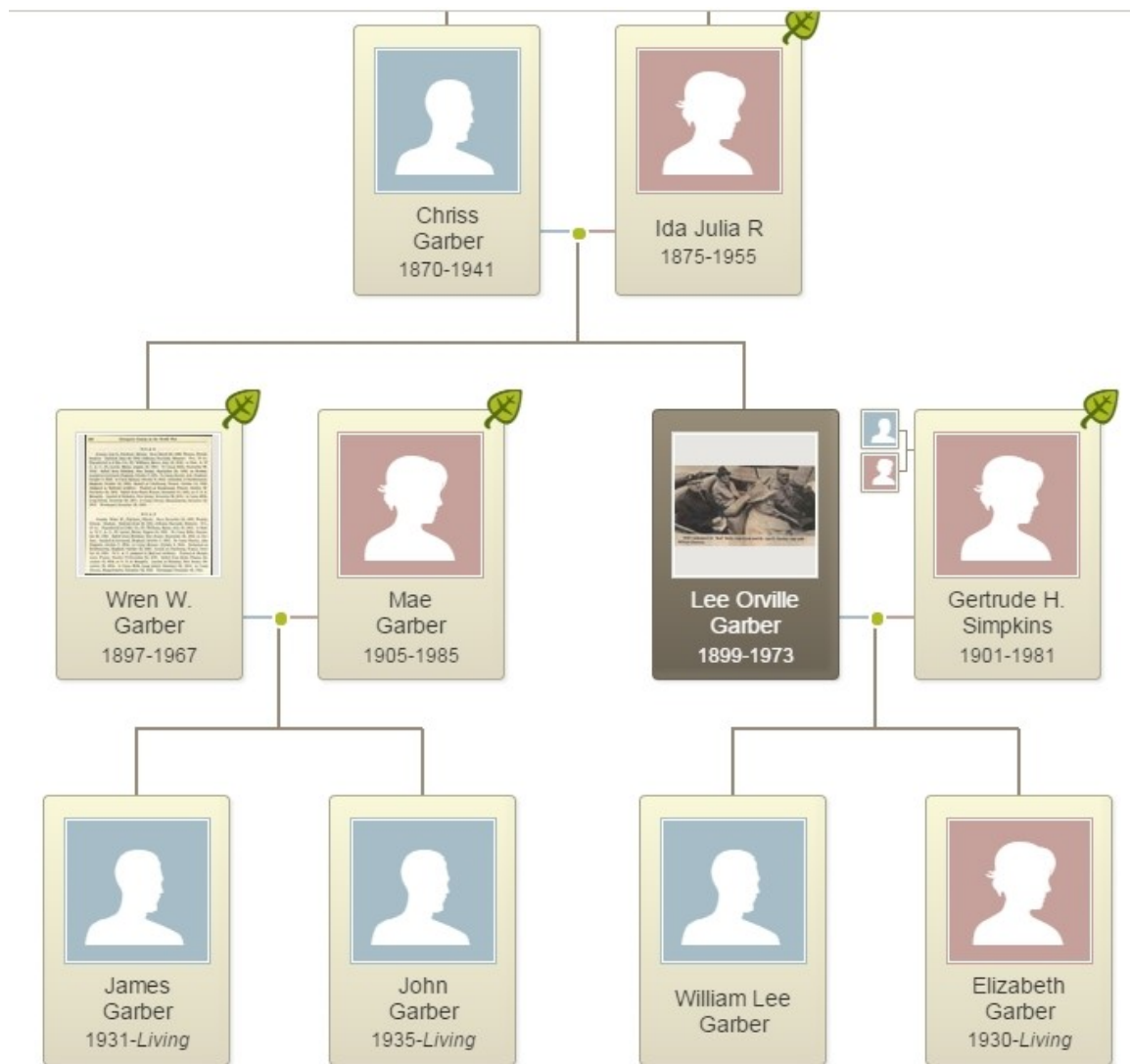
The love of his life was his cabin, and he lived for hunting, fishing and horrible Scotch. He adored his friends and loved any opportunity to take them to the cabin.

The family suggests memorials be made to Backcountry Hunters and Anglers:

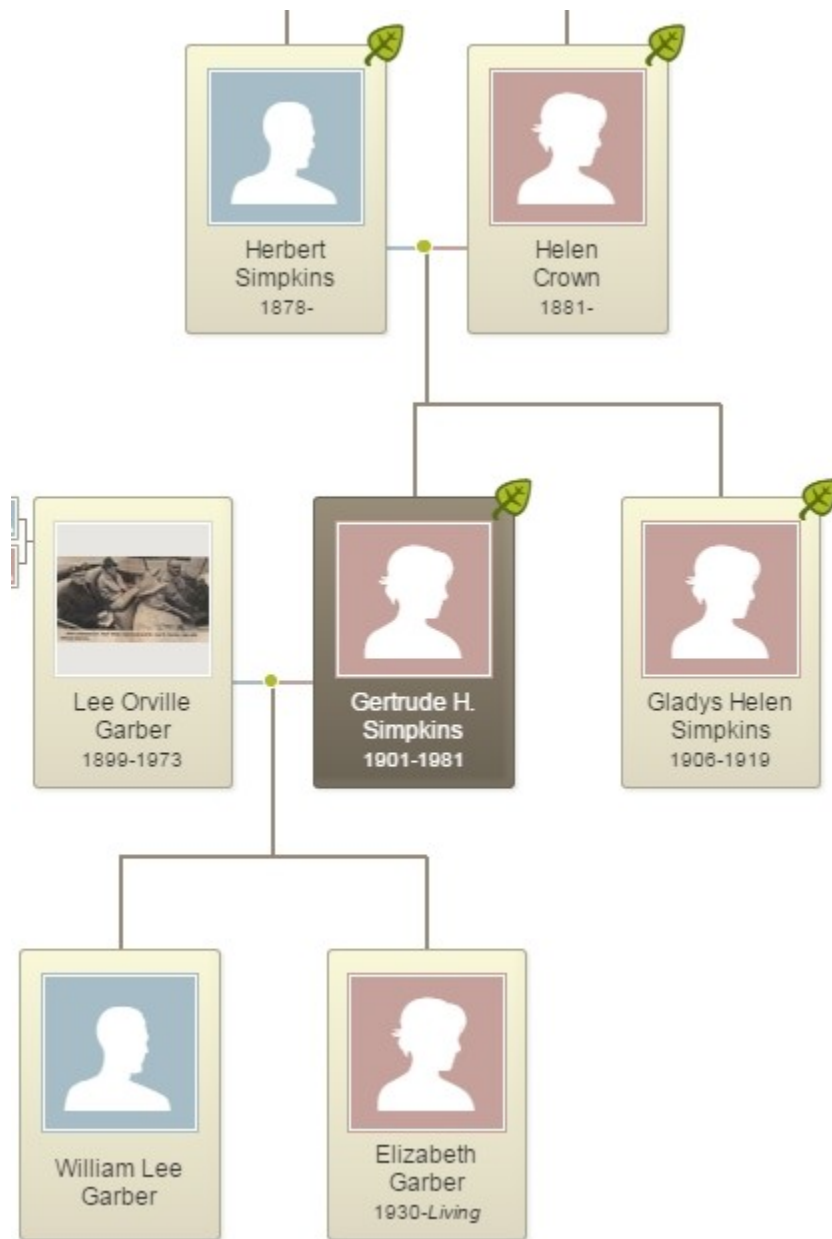
https://sportsmanspledge-backcountryhunters.nationbuilder.com/2015_don_ervin or Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, P.O. Box 9257, Missoula, MT 59807; (406) 370-4325. **BLADE 5/13/15**

GARBER, LEE ORVILLE

Dr. Lee Orville Garber led an interesting life. His family tree is shown below:



The family tree of Lee Garber's wife is shown below:



Lee and his brother Wren Garber both graduated in the Class of 1916 at Fairbury Township High School per this class roster from the Dominy Library:

Class of 1916	
Lee Garber, Teacher, Butler College.	Laura Barnes, Teacher, Oglesby, Ill.
Wren Garber, Salesman, Fairbury, Ill.	Alfred Bach, Salesman, Urbana, Ill.
Nola Goslin (Dailey), Fairbury, Ill.	William Bartlett, Farmer, Fairbury, Ill.
Ruth Graves.	Stella Bills, Detroit, Mich.
Emma Guthrie, Student, Illinois State Normal.	Lelia Broadwell (Odell), Fairbury, Ill.
Florence Hieronymus, Fairbury, Ill.	James Churchill, Farmer, Fairbury, Ill.
George Jenkins, Salesman, Chicago.	Wilma Codlin (Wells), Bloomington, Ill.
Scott McDowell, Ranchman, Clovis, N. M.	Dorothy Crouch, Teacher, Macomb, Ill.
Roy Ross, Minister, Minnesota.	Alta Conn (Byrne), Champaign, Ill.
Elizabeth Scouler, Teacher, Berkeley, Calif.	Walter Dailey, Lumber Dealer, Fairbury, Ill.
Harry Somers, Physician, Chicago.	Dewey DeMoss, Fairbury, Ill.
Ruth Presler, Hannibal, Mo.	Claude Dillon, Farmer, Ney, O.
Voda Thatcher (Hanna), Ohio.	George Foster, Salesman, Chicago.
John Wagonseller, Farmer, Fairbury, Ill.	Orma Fuller, Fairbury, Ill.
Helen MacDonald (Johnson), Wabash, Ind.	

Per the book, *Livingston County in the World War*, both Lee and his brother Wren were World War I veterans:

73 C. A. C.

GARBER, LEE O., Fairbury, Illinois. Born March 28, 1900, Weston, Illinois. Student. Enlisted June 28, 1918, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Pvt., 15 Co. Transferred to 2 Ret. Co., Ft. Williams, Maine, July 19, 1918; to Batt. A, 73 C. A. C., Ft. Levett, Maine, August 10, 1918. To Camp Mills, September 20, 1918. Sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, September 25, 1918, on Scotian. Landed at Liverpool, England, October 7, 1918. To Camp Knotty, Ash, England, October 7, 1918; to Camp Romsey, October 9, 1918; embarked at Southampton, England, October 12, 1918; landed at Cherbourg, France, October 13, 1918. Assigned to Railroad Artillery. Trained at Haussimont, France, October 15-November 25, 1918. Sailed from Brest, France, December 13, 1918, on U. S. S. Mongolia. Landed at Hoboken, New Jersey, December 22, 1918; to Camp Mills, Long Island, December 22, 1918; to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, December 24, 1918. Discharged December 30, 1918.

73 C. A. C.

GARBER, WREN W., Fairbury, Illinois. Born November 16, 1897, Weston, Illinois. Student. Enlisted June 23, 1918, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Pvt., 15 Co. Transferred to 2 Ret. Co., Ft. Williams, Maine, July 19, 1918; to Batt. A, 73 C. A. C., Ft. Levett, Maine, August 10, 1918. To Camp Mills, September 20, 1918. Sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, September 25, 1918, on Scotian. Landed at Liverpool, England, October 7, 1918. To Camp Knotty, Ash, England, October 7, 1918; to Camp Romsey, October 9, 1918. Embarked at Southampton, England, October 12, 1918; landed at Cherbourg, France, October 13, 1918. 73 C. A. C. assigned to Railroad Artillery. Trained at Haussimont, France, October 15-November 25, 1918. Sailed from Brest, France, December 13, 1918, on U. S. S. Mongolia. Landed at Hoboken, New Jersey, December 22, 1918; to Camp Mills, Long Island, December 22, 1918; to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, December 24, 1918. Discharged December 30, 1918.

Lee and Wren joined Fairbury's John Joda American Legion Post 54 after the war was over.

Lee Garber was unique in that he served in both World Wars. He served in WWII also per this military record from Ancestry.com.

Name:	Lee Garber
Gender:	Male
Birth Date:	28 Mar 1900
Death Date:	23 Aug 1986
SSN:	198266541
Enlistment Date 1:	28 Jun 1918
Release Date 1:	30 Dec 1918
Enlistment Date 2:	13 Apr 1943
Release Date 2:	22 Aug 1945

The un-dated photo below shows Lee Garber with some other World War I veterans in a parade at Fairbury:



WW I veterans C.E. "Bud" Wink, Ivan Crum and Dr. Lee O. Garber ride with William Dawson.

After the conclusion of WWI, Lee completed a B.S. in Education from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1920. While at Wesleyan in Bloomington, it is likely he met his wife there. He married Gertrude H. Simpkins. She was born in 1901 and died in Fairbury in April 1981.

Lee O. Garber continued his education and received an M.S. in Education from the University of Illinois in 1926. This was followed by a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Chicago in 1934. His 1934 PhD dissertation was titled "The Legal Implications of the Conceit of Education as a Function of the State." This dissertation pointed out the applications which the courts have made of the concept of education as a State function in practical problems of school administration.

Lee's PhD dissertation set the stage for the rest of his academic life as a professor. He specialized in the niche of education and the law for the next 39 years until his death in 1973. In 1934, he published his first of many books, *Education as a function of the state: its legal implications* by Lee O. Garber (1934). He possibly modified his PhD dissertation into a published book.

After receiving his PhD, in 1934 he went to the State Teacher's college at Mankato, Minnesota (now Minnesota State University). He wrote an article titled A Study in College Grading Practices in the Peabody Journal of Education (volume 11, issue 6, 1934). In 1937, the student newspaper lists him as still teaching at this school.

In 1942, the Lake Forest College in Lake Forest Illinois, published a yearbook called the Forester. Lee O. Garber was listed as a Professor of Mathematics. It listed his background as Lee O. Garber, B.S., Illinois Wesleyan; M.S., Illinois; Ph.D., Chicago.

In 1962, The Daily News on March 19th, said the speaker at the Tuesday night general session will be Dr. Lee O. Garber, professor of education at the University of Pennsylvania, who will talk on "School Directors, the Solicitor and the Law."

While at the University of Pennsylvania in 1964, he published a book titled ***Current legal concepts in education*** (1964. Garber, Lee O.).

In 1967, Lee O. Garber was listed as a member of the ISU faculty, as a Professor of Educational Administration.

Lee O. Garber published a total of 34 books, according to the Library of Congress web site. All of his books have the same general theme of the relationship between the law and schools.

Last Name	First Name	Year	Title
Garber	Lee Orville	1932	Legal implications of the concept of education as a function of the state.
Garber	Lee Orville	1934	Education as a function of the state : its legal implications
Garber	Lee Orville	1949	American Academy of Political and Social Science Critical issues and trends in American education
Garber	Lee Orville	1954	Handbook of school law: for school administrators, teachers, and members of boards of education
Garber	Lee Orville	1955	Law and the teacher in Pennsylvania, a handbook for school board members, school administrators, and teachers
Garber	Lee Orville	1957	Law and the school business manager
Garber	Lee Orville	1959	Legal powers and duties of Pennsylvania boards of school directors
Garber	Lee Orville	1962	Law relating to the creation, alteration, and dissolution of school districts
Garber	Lee Orville	1962	Law governing pupils
Garber	Lee Orville	1962	Public school in our governmental structure
Garber	Lee Orville	1962	Law governing teaching personnel
Garber	Lee Orville	1962	Organizing schools for effective education
Garber	Lee Orville	1963	Tort and contractual liability of school districts and school boards
Garber	Lee Orville	1963	Law governing school board members and school board meetings
Garber	Lee Orville	1963	Commonwealth, the law, and the teacher : a manual for Pennsylvania teachers
Garber	Lee Orville	1964	Law governing school property and school-building construction
Garber	Lee Orville	1964	Law governing the financing of public education
Garber	Lee Orville	1965	Law and the teacher in Illinois; a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1966	Law and the teacher in Ohio; a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1966	Symposium on School law, University of Pennsylvania, 1964. Current legal concepts in education

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Garber	Lee Orville	1967	Law and the teacher in California; a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1967	Law and the teacher in New York State; a handbook for teaches
Garber	Lee Orville	1968	Law and the teacher in Pennsylvania; a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
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Garber	Lee Orville	1971	Law and the teacher in Missouri- a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1971	Law and the teacher in Pennsylvania; a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1971	Illinois school board member and the law; a guide to sound educational practices
Garber	Lee Orville	1975	Law, finance, and the teacher in Illinois : a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1976	Law and the teacher in Arkansas : a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1978	Law and the teacher in Pennsylvania : a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1982	Law and the teacher in Missouri : a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members
Garber	Lee Orville	1983	Law, finance, and the teacher in Illinois : a handbook for teachers, administrators, and school board members

Per the May 12, 1970, Pantagraph, Lee Garber gave a speech at ISU:



John Linn



Allen Schwartz

School Law Topic Of ISU Meeting

School law will be the subject of a three-day symposium starting Friday at Illinois State University.

School administrators and attorneys from throughout the state are expected, according to the sponsoring ISU department of educational administration.

Principal speakers will be John Phillip Linn, professor of law at the University of Denver, and Allen D. Schwartz of Des Plaines, who practices law in Chicago.

Mr. Linn is president of the National Organization on Legal Problems in Education and chairman of the public review board of the American Federation of Teachers.

He will speak on teacher negotiations in a session starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at ISU's Stevenson Hall.

Attorney Schwartz is chairman of the Illinois State Bar

Association's council on school law. He also is a member of the state commission on urban area government.

His speech on "Federal - State Relations to Education" is scheduled during a session at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Stevenson Hall. He also will be a Saturday afternoon panel participant.

ISU speakers during the conference will include Dr. Merritt M. Chambers, visiting professor of educational administration, and Dr. Lee O. Garber, professor of education administration.

Dr. Ben Hubbard, chairman of the educational administration department, said the conference is planned to help school boards, administrators and attorneys keep up with changes in laws.

A concluding session at 9 a.m. Sunday will have Mr. Linn and Mr. Garber as speakers.

In late April of 1973, Fairbury had a controversy with its principal, Charles A. Lane. Dave Roberts of the Blade, interviewed Professor Lee Garber, to get his thoughts on the controversy. An excerpt from the Blade article follows.....

Article Title: Garber Talks Law....Possible Precedent

by Dave Roberts

Contractual continued service or no contractual continued service, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous school boards or pack up and leave.

Dr. Lee Garber, a Fairburian who is the leading, nationally recognized expert in school law, talked with this reporter at length this week concerning the possible impact of a legal fight between deposed Fairbury-Cropsey Unit 3 High School principal Charles A. Lane and his employers.

Lane, who came here six years ago, was not offered a contract in March as principal, and demanded a hearing from the board, which has not granted the request. Lane claims that the board has given him "absolutely no reasons" for its actions, and has violated his rights as guaranteed by the first and fourteenth amendments. Lane has secured the support of the Illinois Principals Association, and has engaged Bloomington attorney Guy Fraker.

Garber, who has written numerous books pertaining to the subject, including 20 years worth of school-law yearbooks, eight case books on school law, and "The Illinois School Board Member and the Law," mentioned three cases that have some parallels, but cautioned that no strict comparisons could be drawn.....(he briefly reviews the 3 cases).....Garber, who commented that he has purposely tried not to get involved with the situation here, said that apparently Lane has decided to risk the publicity and fight the action. Garber said that at the risk of splitting up the community, the results could be invaluable as a legal precedent.

Per the November 27, 1976, Pantagraph, Lee Garber gave a speech about the nature area at the Weston Cemetery:

Weston Cemetery topic for Livingston group

FAIRBURY (PNS)—Dr. Lee O. Garber will give a program entitled, "The Weston Cemetery," at a meeting of the Livingston County Historical Society at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Pontiac Public Library.

The December 1, 1976, edition of the Pontiac Daily Leader covered this speech:

Dr. Garber tells Historical Society about Weston Cemetery

Dr. Lee Garber of Fairbury spoke on "The Weston Cemetery" at a meeting Tuesday night of the Livingston County Historical Society at the Pontiac Public Library.

Dr. Garber, a retired professor, told of the recent interest in the cemetery and of its designation by the state of Illinois as a "state nature preserve" because it is true black-soil virgin prairie.

The Weston Cemetery Co. was organized by four Yates Township leaders — Christian Wink, John Farley, Edward Dillon and Dr. Hiram Johnson — about 1870. They bought the five-acre plot of land for \$200. All records of the cemetery have been lost, Dr. Garber said.

Efforts to preserve the land as virgin prairie were begun in 1971. With the help of an Illinois State University professor and

others the land was declared a "state nature preserve" in 1972.

The cemetery is east of Weston and about a half mile north of Route 24. Dr. Garber said the best time to see it first is in early April.

Preceding the program, Reid Tombaugh, president, conducted a business meeting. Reports were given by Tombaugh on the work on the county museum, by Michael Burke on the membership committee and by Frank Lehman on plans for raising funds for the museum.

Officers elected were: Reid Tombaugh, president; Miss Betty Harris, vice president; Harold Brown, secretary-treasurer. Directors elected were Gellan Antrim, Graymont; Mrs. Sue Shaughnessy, Harold Byrne and John Perring, Pontiac; Henry Phillips and Roger Wessels, Fairbury.

J. M. Luther was chairman of the nominating committee.

Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Luther.

The next meeting of the society will be Thursday, Jan. 27, when Mrs. Claude Jesse, Macon, past president of the Illinois State Genealogical Society, will speak on "Searching for Your Ancestors."

The Weston Cemetery is a very interesting place to visit. It is one of the few places you can see what the prairie looked like around Fairbury when our pioneering ancestors first arrived here.



The last few years of his life, Lee Garber lived at Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac, Illinois, per this circa 1984 Blade article:

Town Talk

By Fern Wharton

Mrs. Charles M. Gregg, Mrs. J.G. Master-son, Dorothy Henderson and Mrs. Shelby Wharton called on Dr. Lee Garber at Evenglow Lodge in Pontiac on Sunday afternoon. Lee has been a resident at Evenglow since July.

CORRESPONDENTS NOTE: It was my first visit to Evenglow and I was very impressed. In reading the "Resident Spotlight News," I'm quoting Lee's description of Evenglow: "The people are the most courteous group of people I have ever seen. It is clean, their attitude is wonderful and the food is good. I do not know what else a man needs. Of course, I miss home, but who doesn't? After home, I cannot think of any place else I would rather be than here."

Dr. Lee was a former professor at the University of Pennsylvania for 19 years, plus he served in that capacity in several universities throughout the United States. Dr. Lee sums it up this way. "One should live his life by always being true to yourself and live like you are going to die tomorrow."

I can understand why the residents at Evenglow think Lee is one of the finest in their midst. Although he drives his car and gets back to Fairbury often, his friends miss him in his church and his daily trips walking downtown. He delights in seeing his friends, and reminiscing about the "old hometown".

DEATHS

Central Illinois

Lee O. Garber

FAIRBURY — The funeral of Lee O. Garber, 86, who died at 10:30 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 23, 1986) at the Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac, will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, the Rev. Galen Schwarz officiating.

Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 tonight at the Memorial Home.



Mr. Garber

He was born March 28, 1900, in Yates Township, Weston, a son of Chriss and Ida Roeseler Garber. He married Gertrude Simpkins on Aug. 15, 1921, in Bloomington. She died April 13, 1981.

Survivors include one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Hutton, Knoxville, Tenn.; one son, William Lee, Lexington; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother.

Mr. Garber was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Fairbury.

He was a former member of the Rotary Club and a former member of the Fairbury Masonic Lodge. He was also a former member of the Bloomington Consistory and a lifetime member of the Fairbury American Legion John Joda Post.

He was a veteran of World Wars I and II, serving as a captain in the Army Air Corps.

His schooling began in a rural Garber school near Weston. He was a graduate of Fairbury High School in 1916, and a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University, receiving his bachelor of science degree in 1921, a graduate of the University of Illinois, receiving his master's degree in 1926 and a graduate of the University of Chicago, receiving his doctorate in 1932.

He began teaching at East Lynn

High School in 1921. He also taught at Marion High School; Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.; Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minn; Lake Forest College, Lake Forest; and for the last 17 years before his retirement, he taught at the University of Pennsylvania, where he became a professor emeritus, retiring in 1966.

Upon his retiring and moving to Fairbury, he agreed to serve as a visiting professor at Illinois State University.

He was also the education relations specialist for two years, serving with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

He was a leading authority on school law, having authored and edited more than 63 books published on school law.

He participated in seminars and workshops and was a guest speaker across the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

He had been instrumental in the research of old cemeteries in the Central Illinois area and in the granting of the natural prairieland preserve of Weston Cemetery.

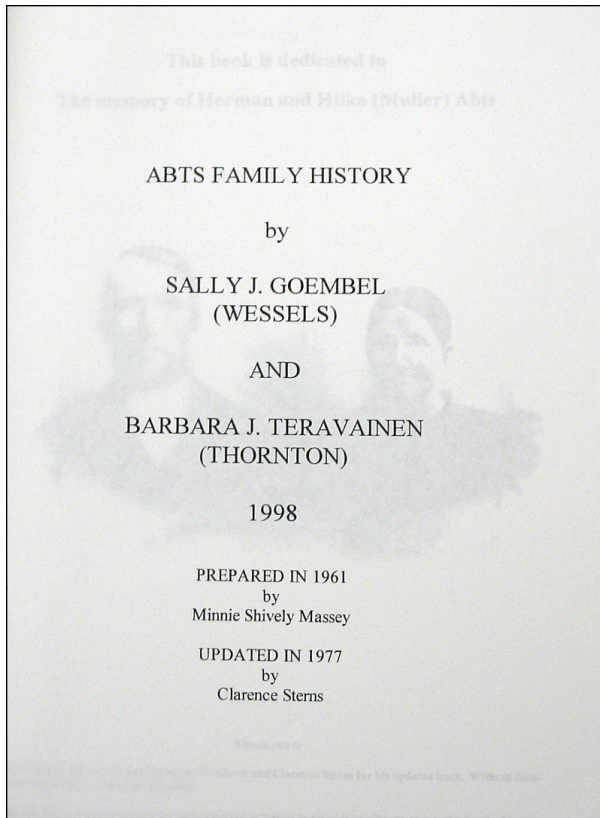
Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Fairbury.





GOEMBEL, SALLY J. WESSELS

In 1998, Sally published a family genealogy book. It is currently in the Dominy Memorial Library collection.



HANKES, ELLEN

In 2013, Ellen Hanks wrote a book titled *Outrageously Organized: Ten Professional Organizers Share Their Trade Secrets*.

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Outrageously Organized!

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Suzette: Creative Problem Solver

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From Amazon.com:

We all know her. She's the mom from the baseball team who never forgets it's her turn for treats. She invites you to "stop by anytime" – and means it. And she always looks put together – even when driving carpool. How does she do it? What's her secret? You may have even asked how she stays so organized – and she likely demurred with a sly, "Oh, I'm really not that organized..." Today – she's busted. Exposed. Outed. Life doesn't have to be a mad scramble for important papers or these pesky car keys: For the first time, ten organizing professionals dish their trade secrets about everything from purging your piles to organizing your closets. There's even advice for teaching the clutter bugs in your life how to keep track of their own stuff. Amy, your family management expert will share ideas and inspiration for making the most of family time and keeping rug rats from spoiling the rug Ashley will give you the know-how to maintain a method for eliminating the chaos Cyndy, affectionately known as America's Clutter Coach, will help you develop the expertise to sift trash from treasure Diane is a Virtuoso of Time Saving Techniques that will help you find time to have FUN Donna is the Simplicity Specialist Ellen helps Chronically Disorganized people put the clamp on clutter Jan, your "Oracle of Organization" who enjoys helping people find what they need, when they need it Sheri brings Peace to your Life & Spaces Suzette is a Creative Problem Solver whose inventive skills and talents work when you think it won't Traci is your organizer of hopes, dreams, and stray paperwork. She'll change your world with her organizing skills and positive outlook on life By the way, there's no need to worry that they'll tell her they've spilled their trade secrets. She'll just think you are Outrageously Organized.

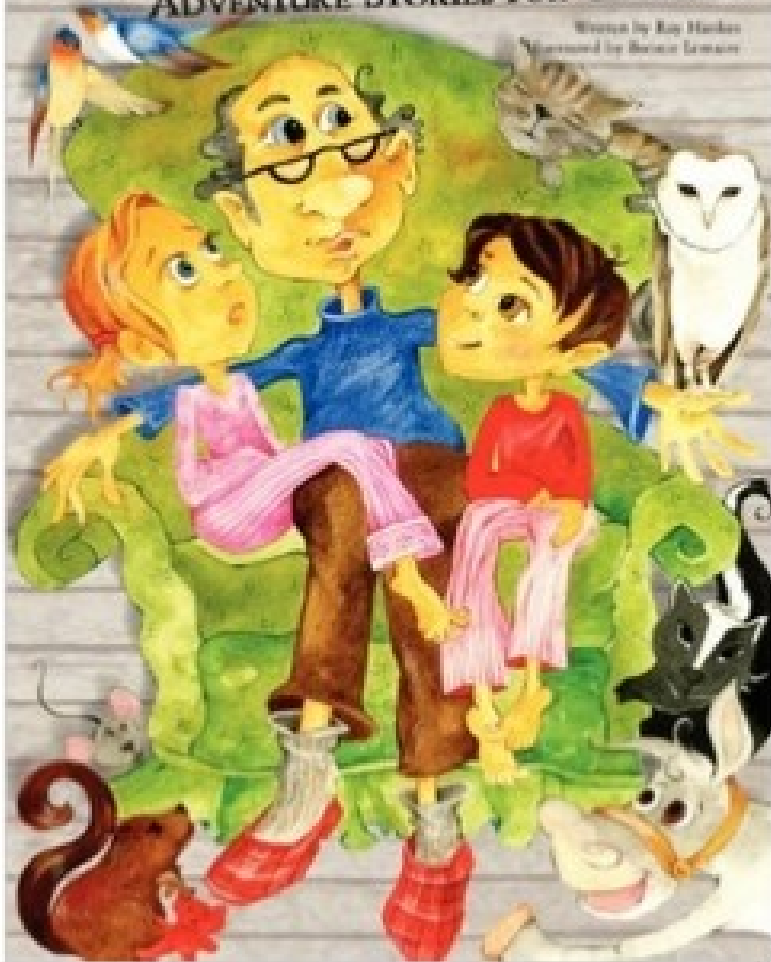
HANKES, RAY

In 2011, Ray Hankes wrote a book titled ***Grandpa Ray's Adventure Stores for Children.***

GRANDPA RAY'S ADVENTURE STORIES FOR CHILDREN

Written by Ray Harkin

Illustrated by Benoit Lemaire



Animals, a tree, and even human robbers are part of the fun and adventure of the ten wise and winsomely funny stories in *Grandpa Ray's Adventure Stories for Children* by Ray Hanks. Collected from stories Hanks has told his own grandchildren over and over again, *Grandpa Ray's Adventure Stories for Children* offers gentle life lessons even as it promotes the idea that family is everything. From a dog the size of a small car to a very special old apple tree that dates back to 1885, the unique and quirky characters in these ten stories show the wit and wisdom of animals and the wonder of nature in the most delightful ways. In "Nutty, the Crafty Squirrel," a squirrel's love for red Gummy Bears gets him in trouble, and in "Barney and Betty Barn Swallow," two birds must elude a feisty cat if they want to rebuild their nest. Beautifully written and told with warmth and humor, *Grandpa Ray's Adventure Stories for Children* is really for children of all ages. Ray Hanks has a doctorate in animal science and has been a teacher, farmer, pork industry leader, meat industry executive, and agricultural consultant. He grew up on a livestock farm and he and his wife have two grown children and two grandchildren. The neighborhood nature expert among youth, Ray entralls children with his adventure stories.



From Amazon.com:

In Grandpa Ray's Adventure Stories for Children, Ray Hanks tells fun, scary, and humorous stories to children. Based on tales he extemporaneously recited to his own grandchildren, Grandpa Ray's Adventure Stories for Children explores the great outdoors and an entire, wild cast of wonderful characters. Two birds build a new nest in an old barn while watching out for a wily cat. A frisky squirrel is nearly undone by his love for red Gummy Bears, and a one-eared kicking mule in California has a real adventure. Children will love the delightful tales, filled with all kinds of animal lore and adventure, but adults will also appreciate the wise and winsome lessons in each tale. Beautifully written and warmly told, Grandpa Ray's Adventure Stories for Children proves that life is an adventure, and family is the most important thing of all. These spectacular stories prove that even when life thrusts a storm in your path, with hope, ingenuity, and love, you can conquer any adversity.

HEADLEY, KENNETH EDWARD

In 2003, Ken wrote and published an autobiography book titled Ken's Book. It is an autobiography with 50 pages of poetry, 30 pages of news clippings from his racing days, and several photos of his life. A copy of this book is in the Dominy Memorial Library.

Ken's Book

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Dedication

This book is dedicated to my family. First off, I wish to remember my parents -- Gilbert "Shorty" and Louise Young Headley. They are the ones who suffered through my upbringing. Thanks to Mom and Dad for being such a wonderful couple.

My life began anew when Delores Ann Hofmann agreed to become my wife in 1950. This union produced four beautiful children -- Lynette Sue, LuAnn, Linda Kay and Kevin Edward. What more does life offer than a wonderful family?



Rider Ken Headley shows off his first motorcycle in 1947 – a 1935 four-cylinder Indian. Headley rode with Erv Maurer, Bob Lawrence, George Hurt and Johnny Slaight.

The August 23, 2005, edition of the Pantagraph published the obituary of Ken Headley:

Kenneth Edward Headley



FAIRBURY — Kenneth Edward Headley, 76, a Fairbury native, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday (Aug. 21, 2005) at Heritage Manor, Colfax, where he had been a resident since February.

His funeral will be 11 a.m. Wednesday with a visitation one hour prior at the First Baptist Church in Fairbury. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, with Masonic Rites conducted by the Tarbolton Masonic Lodge 351 at 7:45 p.m. Burial will be at Grace-land, Apostolic Christian Cemetery, Fairbury, with full military rites accorded by the Fairbury VFW Post 9789. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation; Cystic Fibrosis; and First Baptist Church of Fairbury.



**Kenneth
Headley**

Mr. Headley was born Jan. 25, 1929, at the old Fairbury Hospital (313 W. Oak St.) on Route 24 to Gilbert "Shorty" and Retta "Louise" Young Headley. He was educated in Fairbury schools and graduated in 1953 with a GED granted by the U.S. Navy. He was a Navy veteran from 1950 to 1954 and flew 32 missions as a radar operator off the "USS Midway" which included night flights.

He married Delores Ann Hofmann on July 1, 1950, at the Fairbury Presbyterian parsonage. She survives.

Four children also survive: Lynette (Harry Michael) Johnson, Linda (Robert) Broquard and Kevin (Sue) Headley, all Fairbury; and Lu Anne (John) Peiffer, Lake Geneva, Wis. Other survivors include his brother, Jerry (Dee) Headley of Surprise, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Following his discharge from the military, Mr. Headley was an entrepreneur who started, owned and operated several successful businesses in the Fairbury area. His carnival business still thrives today under the ownership of his son.

During 1949-50, Mr. Headley was known throughout Central Illinois as a champion stock car driver. He learned the ropes at Death Valley in East Peoria but

became famous in Fairbury as he drove the Claudon Motor Mart 1934 Ford (No. 50) to victory after victory at the American Legion Speedway.

Mr. Headley is also a published author penning his 300-page autobiography "Ken's Book" which was printed two years ago. This book, which was a 15-year effort, includes 50 pages of poetry, 30 pages of news clippings from his racing days and several photos of his life.

His widely varied interests included flying, amateur radio (W9JZE) and a lifelong passion for playing music.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Tarbolton Masonic Lodge 351 and the V.F.W. Post 9789 all in Fairbury.

Ken was a man whose life touched all who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

HERNANDEZ, M. SHANNON SPRAY

Shannon lived in Fairbury and graduated from ISU per this May 21, 1999, Pantagraph article:

GRADUATES

Illinois State University

Mary Shannon Spray, daughter of Bill and Linda Spray, Fairbury, received a bachelor of science, cum laude, in education and a minor biological studies and social science May 8 from Illinois State University, Normal. She has accepted a grade school teaching position in the Charlotte, N.C., area.

In 2014, she published a book titled *Breaking the Silence: My Final Forty Days as a Public School Teacher*.

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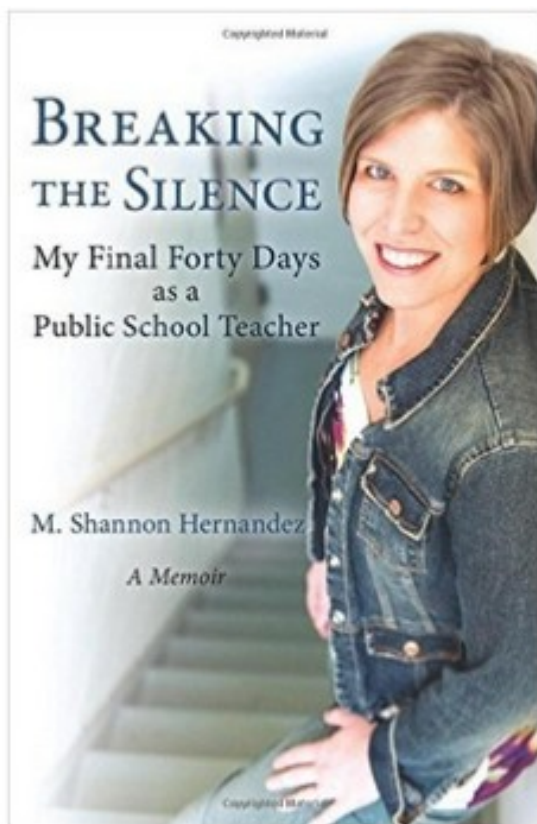
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You are invited into Hernandez's classroom for the final forty days of her teaching career to understand the urgent need for school reform, clearly demonstrated in each story. You'll witness the intelligence, vulnerability, and humanity of her students, and the challenges teachers like Hernandez face as they navigate the dangerous waters between advocating for and meeting students' needs and disconnected education policy.

This book is not only a love letter to her students, her fellow teachers, and to the reformed public school system she envisions, but also a heartfelt message of hope, encouragement, and self-empowerment for those who feel they are stuck in soul-sucking careers. It is an essential read for each citizen who is seeking a life comprised of more purpose and happiness, as well as parents, teachers, administrators, and policy-makers who know our nation's education system is in desperate need of an overhaul.

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—Dr Mark Naison, Professor of African American Studies and History,
Fordham University, and co-founder, Badass Teachers Association

Having spent five years in the public education system, I found myself simultaneously reading in disbelief and "experienced acknowledgement" as Shannon shares her story of finding, and then losing, her own purpose as a professional educator. The journey she takes you on through these chapters will make you think very carefully about the current state of affairs; and, it will give you hope that there are indeed people who care that much about the well being and welfare of your children.

—Jason W. Womack, author of *Your Best Just Got Better*



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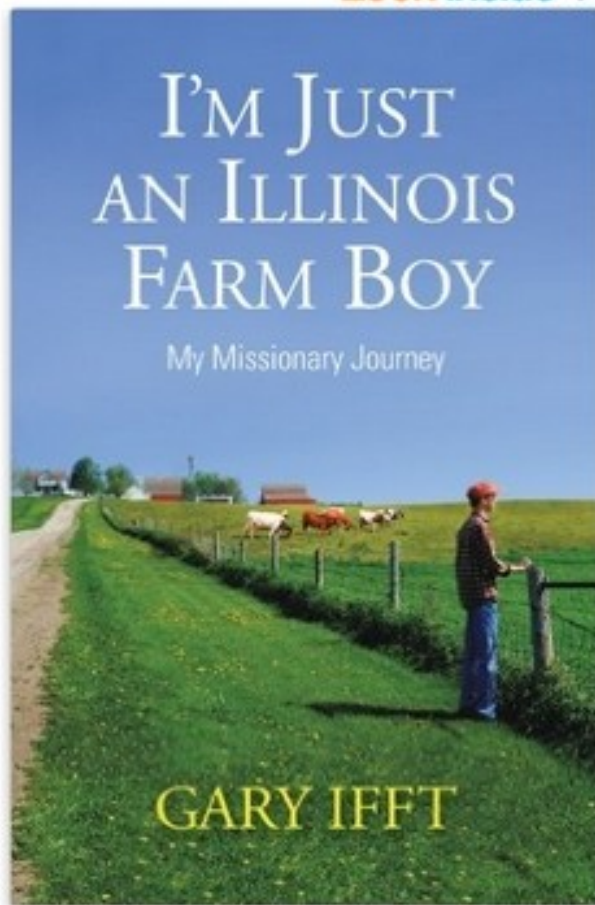
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IFFT, GARY

In 2010, Gary wrote a book titled *I'm Just an Illinois Farm Boy: My Missionary Journey*.



From Amazon.com:

How will we pay the bills if I quit my job? Who will take care of our aging parents? When will we see our children again? To what remote part of the world will we be sent?

These were a few of Gary's many questions of God when He called him to foreign missions in the prime of a successful career and landed him and his wife in faraway Ethiopia.

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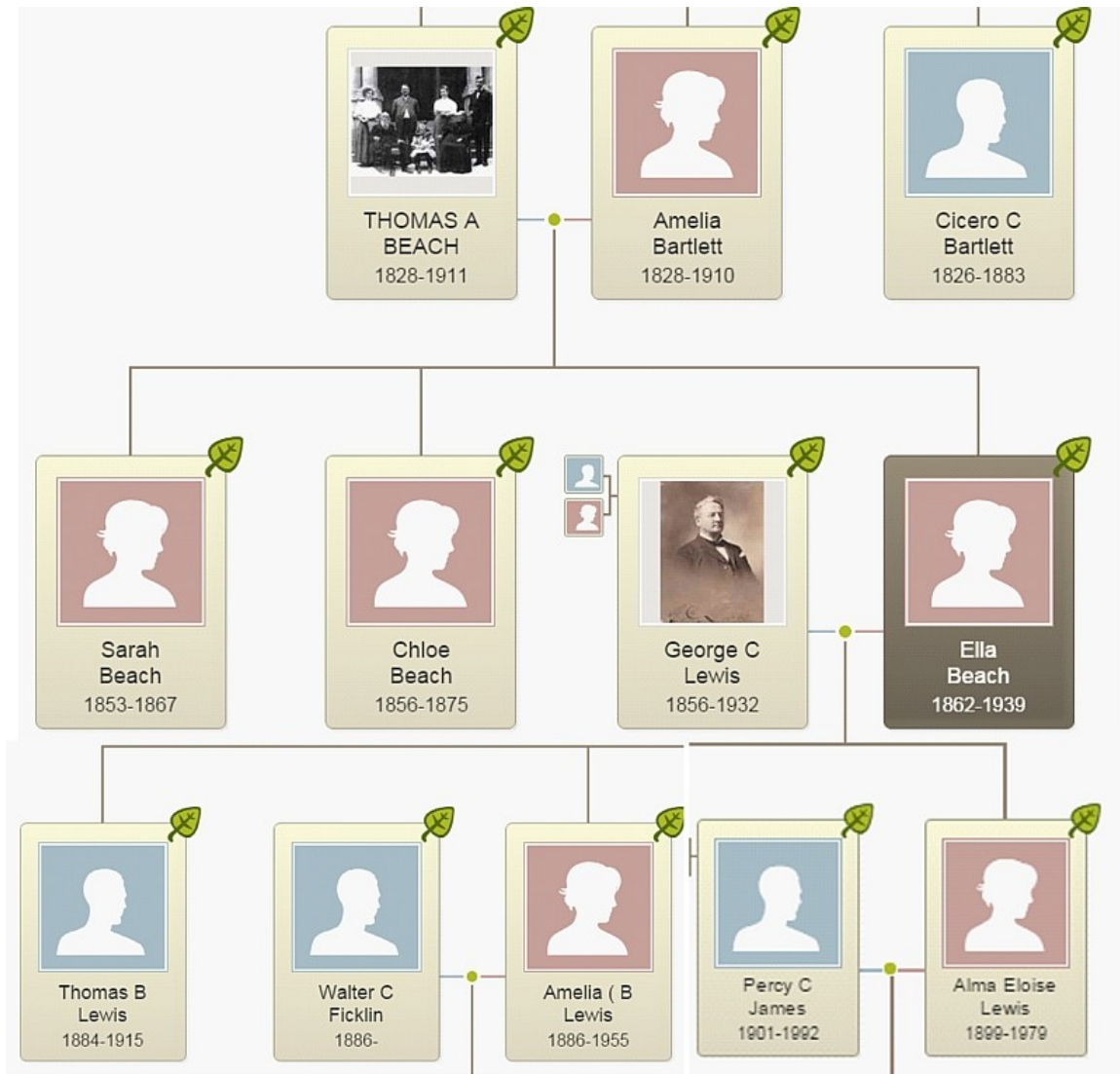
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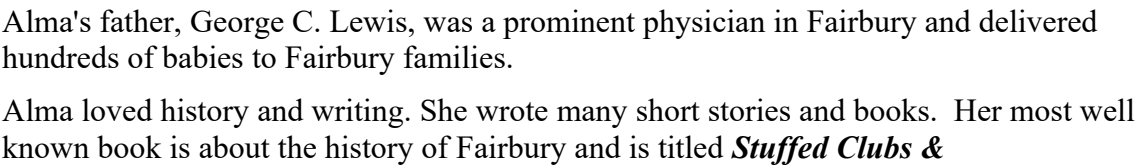
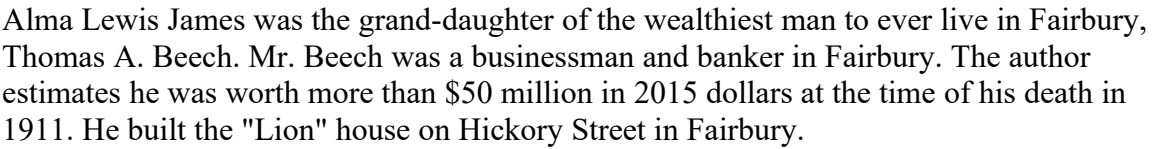
Author Bio: Born and raised on a farm in central Illinois, Gary Ifft serves as a missionary in Ethiopia. A far cry from the flat Midwestern cornfields, he now lives in rural Ethiopia

and heads up Misgana Ministries, the integrated rural development mission he and his wife, Peggy, founded.

JAMES, ALMA LEWIS

The family tree of Alma Lewis James is shown below:

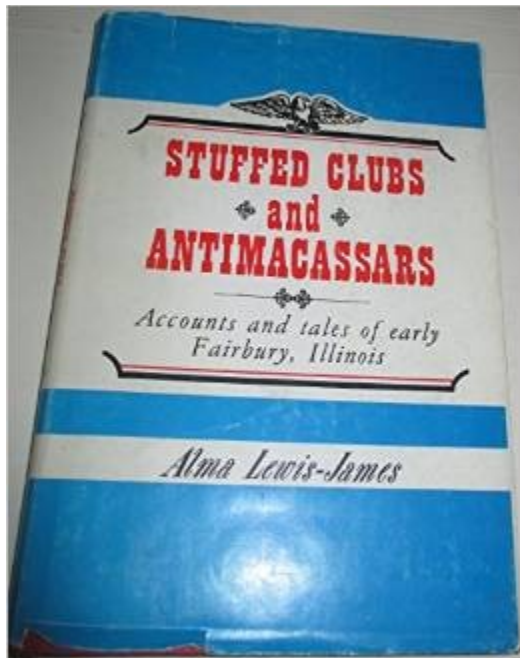




Antimacassars. Copies of this book can still be purchased from the Fairbury Echoes Museum. Here is a photo of Alma with the first copies she received of this book:

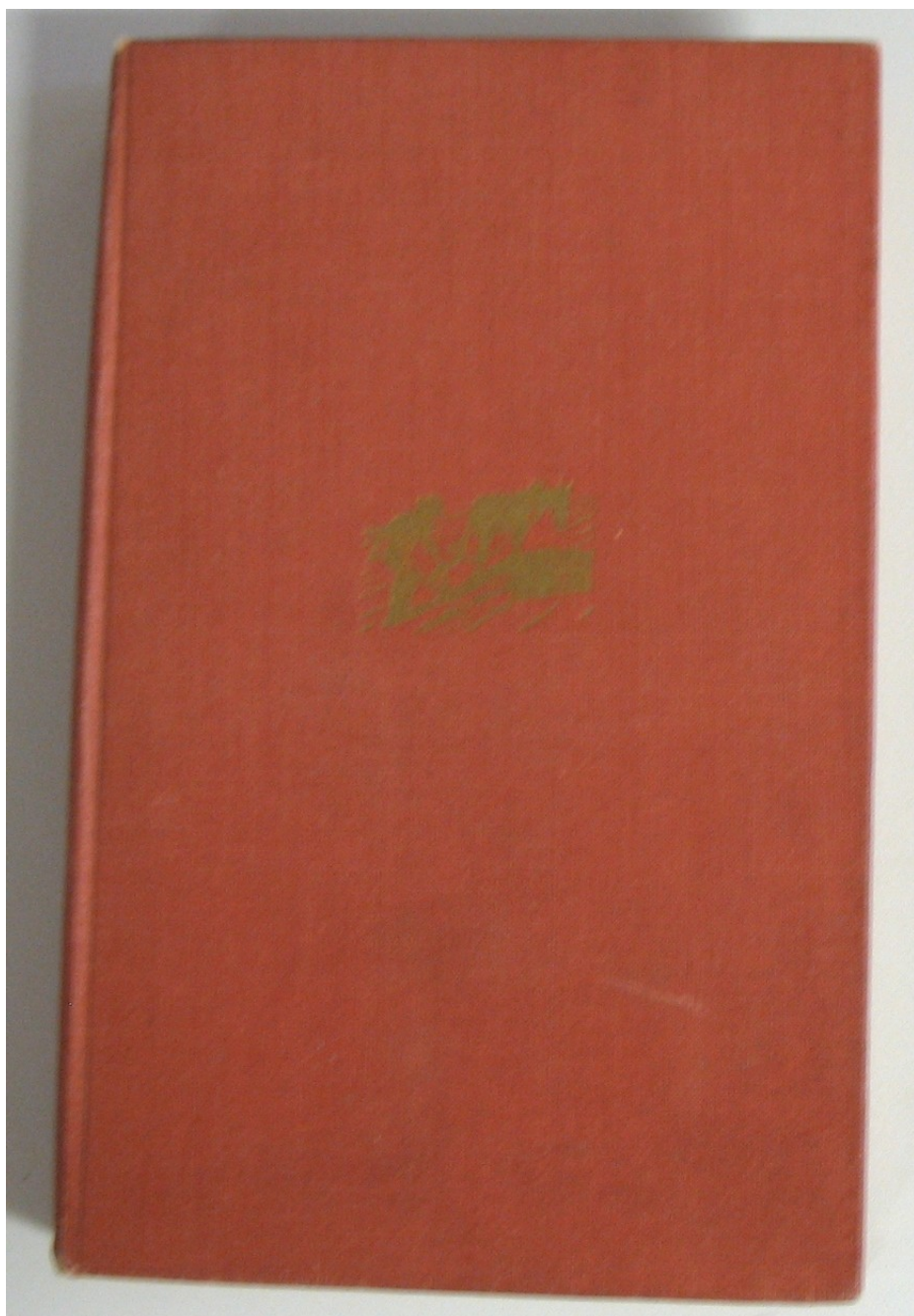


Here is the book cover of her book on Fairbury history:



Below are book covers from two other books she wrote. Copies of these two books are at the Fairbury Echoes Museum.

THE
ANCESTRY AND POSTERITY
OF
OBIL BEACH
BY
ALMA LEWIS JAMES



BONEY'S HIRED MAN

By Alma Lewis - James



VANTAGE PRESS, INC. - NEW YORK

March 29, 1979, Pantagraph

Writer of
Fairbury history,
Alma
Lewis-James,
dies

FAIRBURY (PNS)—A woman who said she thought it was a great privilege to have lived in Fairbury all her life died Tuesday afternoon at Fairbury Hospital.

Alma Lewis-James, 79, of 402 E. Hickory St., was a descendant of early families in this community. She was the great-granddaughter of one of Fairbury's earliest doctors, who received a land grant for service in the Florida War of 1813 against the Seminoles.

Her grandfather was founder of an early Fairbury banking firm, forerunner of the First National Bank of Fairbury.

Books were Mrs. Lewis-James' hobby. She collected and wrote them.

Governor Samuel Shapiro proclaimed Aug. 23, 1968, as Alma Lewis-James Day throughout the state in honor of her writing the "History of Fairbury" in conjunction with the state's sesquicentennial.

Mrs. Lewis-James was author of "Stuffed Clubs and Antimacassars," a story of Fairbury, revised in connection with the nation's bicentennial. She was author of "Boney's Hired Man," published in the early 1950s.

She wrote a column, "Nicks," for the Fairbury Blade, a compilation from past issues of the weekly newspaper. She also wrote a series of historical articles concerning her home community for the

*Alma
Lewis-James*



local newspaper during the 1950s. The title was "Buckle on the Corn Belt."

She wrote a brochure for the centennial observance of Fairbury United Methodist Church, of which she was a member, in 1958.

In a review of one of her Fairbury histories, Mrs. Lewis-James was credited with writing the phrase "with little regard for cold statistics and full attention to warm human interest."

She was a member and past president of the Central Illinois branch of the National League of Penwomen and served three terms as state historian of the organization.

She was a member of the Illinois State and Livingston County Historical societies and the Letitia Green Stevenson

Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Lewis-James was a trustee of the Dominy Memorial Library, Fairbury, and a charter member of the board of the Helen Lewis Smith Pavilion, a nursing home attached to Fairbury Hospital.

She was a Sunday School teacher in the United Methodist Church for more than 50 years, starting when she was in high school and continuing when she was a student at Northwestern University. She graduated from the university in 1923.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, the Rev. Delmar Smith officiating. Entombment will be in the family mausoleum in Graceland Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 tonight.

She was born Nov. 12, 1899, in Fairbury, the daughter of Dr. George C. and Ella L. Beach Lewis. She married Percy C. James Jr. in 1924 at Fairbury.

Surviving are a son, Butch, Fairbury; three daughters, Ella James Holford, Fairbury; Olive James Dowlen, Pontiac; and Phoebe Beach Crimmins, Augusta, Ga.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

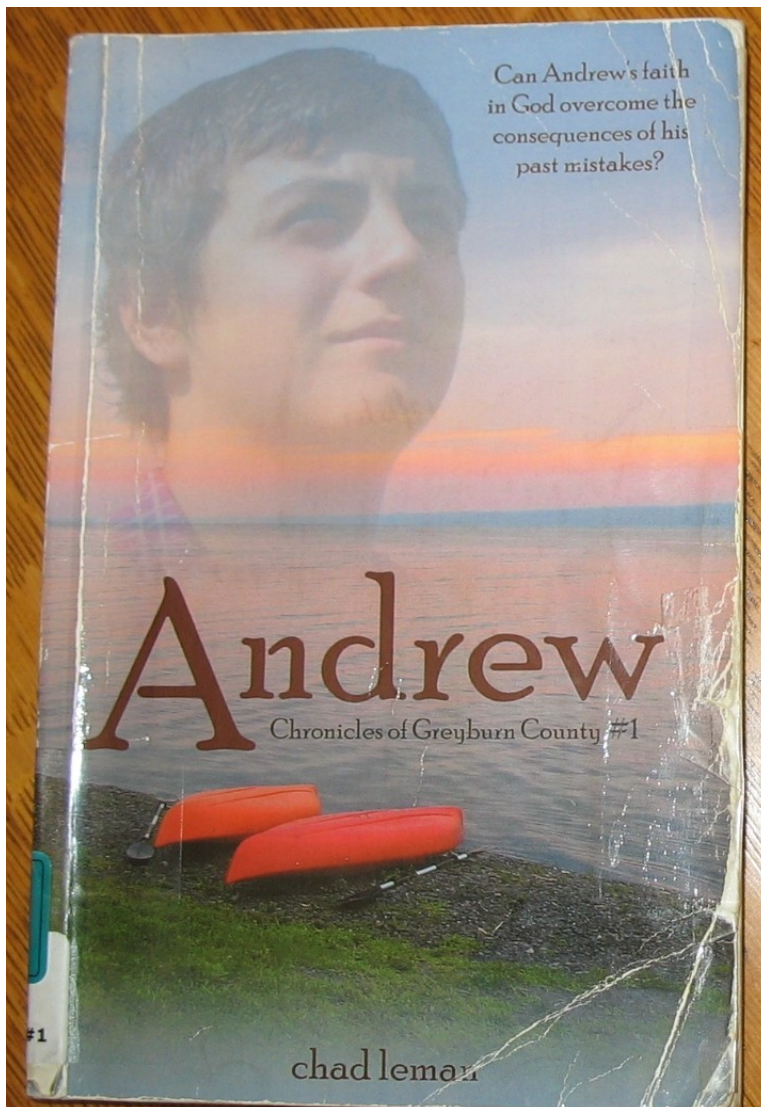
A brother, a sister, a daughter and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to the Helen Lewis Smith Pavilion.

LEMAN, CHAD

From 2009 through 2012, Chad Leman wrote four books. The years of publication and the associated titles are shown below:

Last Name	First Name	Year	Title
Leman	Chad	2009	Andrew
Leman	Chad	2010	Karla
Leman	Chad	2010	Kenton
Leman	Chad	2012	Bradley



Seventeen-year-old Andrew Karber is very content with his life. He has a sweet girlfriend and a great group of buddies. But then his world begins to turn upside down. Anger and jealousy drive him to act foolishly, resulting in devastating consequences for him and especially for his best friend, Kenton.

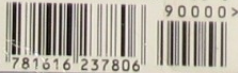
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Karla

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Only turning to God in repentance brings true peace and contentment. After living for some time as a believer, she is faced with an unexpected fork in the road - a marriage proposal.

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chad leman

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Join Kenton as he struggles to understand, but is eventually reassured of God's divine care and presence. Share his joy as he reaps the benefits of trusting a loving heavenly Father and turning his life over into His hands.



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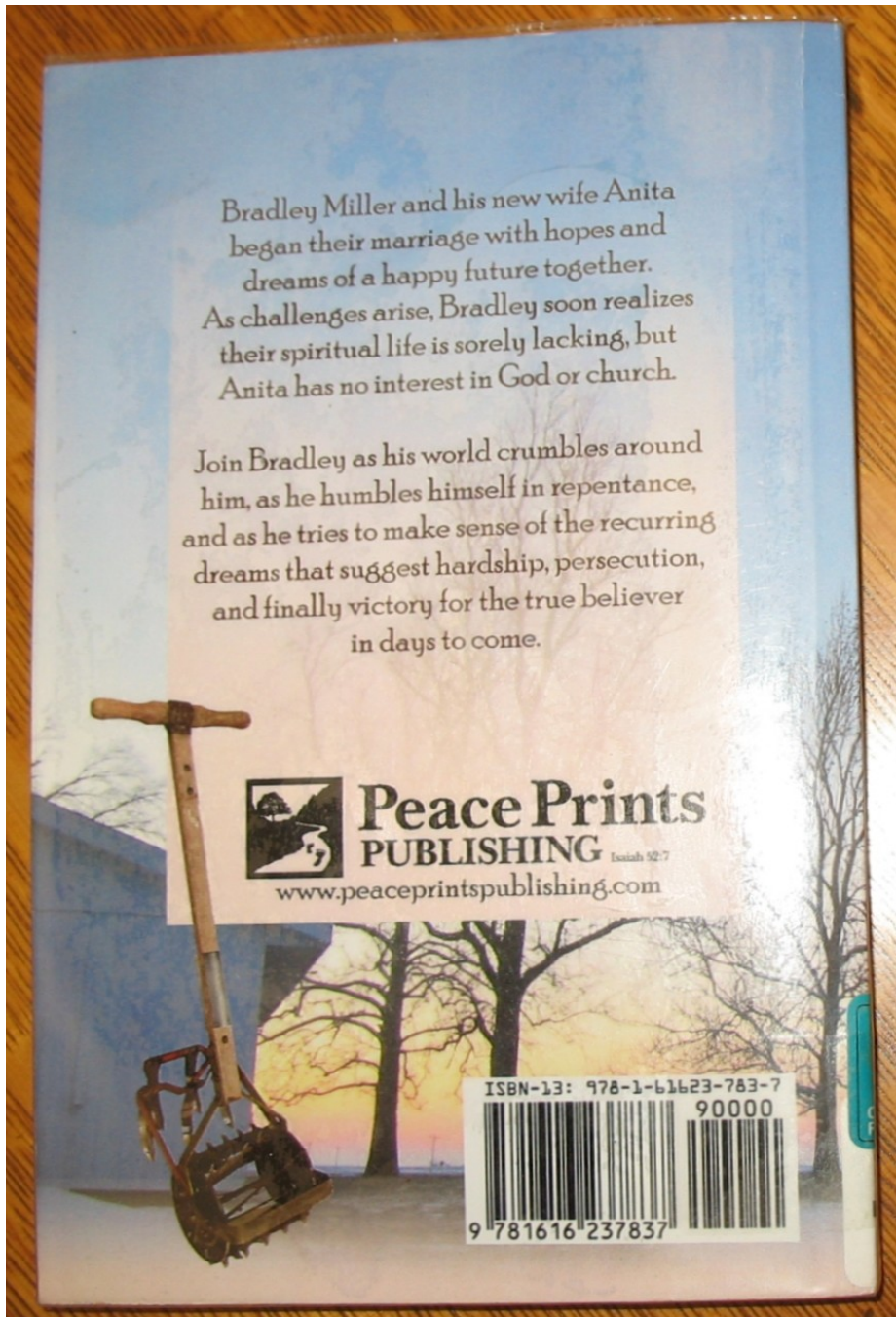
How will Bradley's
vision of tomorrow
change his life today?

Chronicles of Greyburn
County #4

Bradley



chad leman



Print copies of these four books are available from the Serendipity shop on Main Street in Fairbury.

MALEY, DALE C.

Dale Maley was born in the Fort Lewis Army Hospital in Tacoma, Washington. His father Charles Maley, was in the Army at that base. His mother is Marjorie Dameron Maley.

Dale is a 5th generation citizen of Fairbury. He is a descendant of John Edward Bodley Senior. John Bodley moved from Fountain County, Indiana, to his new farm in Lodemia in about 1855. Dale's grandmother, Frances Ann Bodley Maley, was the Livingston County Nurse until her death in 1968.

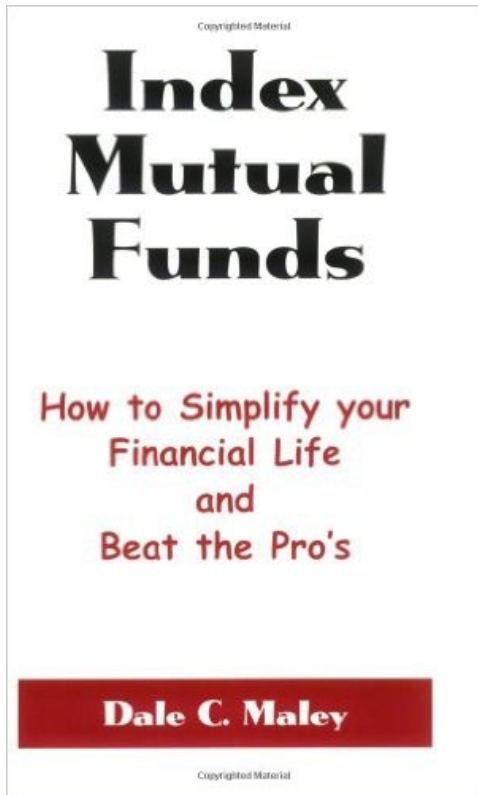
Dale was a Class of 1974 graduate of Fairbury-Cropsey High School. He attended and graduated from the University of Illinois in Engineering in 1978. To help pay for college expenses, Dale worked summers at his uncle's plumbing shop in Fairbury, Dameron Plumbing.

He has been employed as an engineer by Caterpillar since 1979 until the present day. He also attended ISU and graduated with an MBA in 1990.



Dale's many hobbies include investing, woodworking, writing, and history. Dale has read over 200 books on investing.

In 1999, Dale wrote his first book titled ***Index Mutual Funds: How to Simplify Your Financial Life and Beat the Pros.***



Dale then started to write short stories about different investing topics. He has now written about 55 short stories on investing topics.

In 2005, Dale became a Registered Investment Advisor in the State of Illinois. He has done financial planning for family members since the late 1990's. He has done some financial planning work for non-family members also.

In 2011, Dale volunteered to write Chapter 18 in the print book titled ***The Bogleheads Guide to Retirement Planning***. Dale attended the Bogleheads national convention in 2011 at Fort Worth, Texas, and got to autograph many copies of the book.

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In 2012, Dale started focusing on his own family history. He researched his family tree back to Europe. Much of this history is also the early history of Fairbury.

In late 2013, Dale began posting to the Facebook Fairbury History Page. As a result of these postings, he has written three more books about Fairbury history.

A complete listing of Dale's books is shown below:

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9	Maley	Dale C.	2010	Do I Need Umbrella Insurance?	Investing
10	Maley	Dale C.	2010	Don't Max Out My 401K?	Investing
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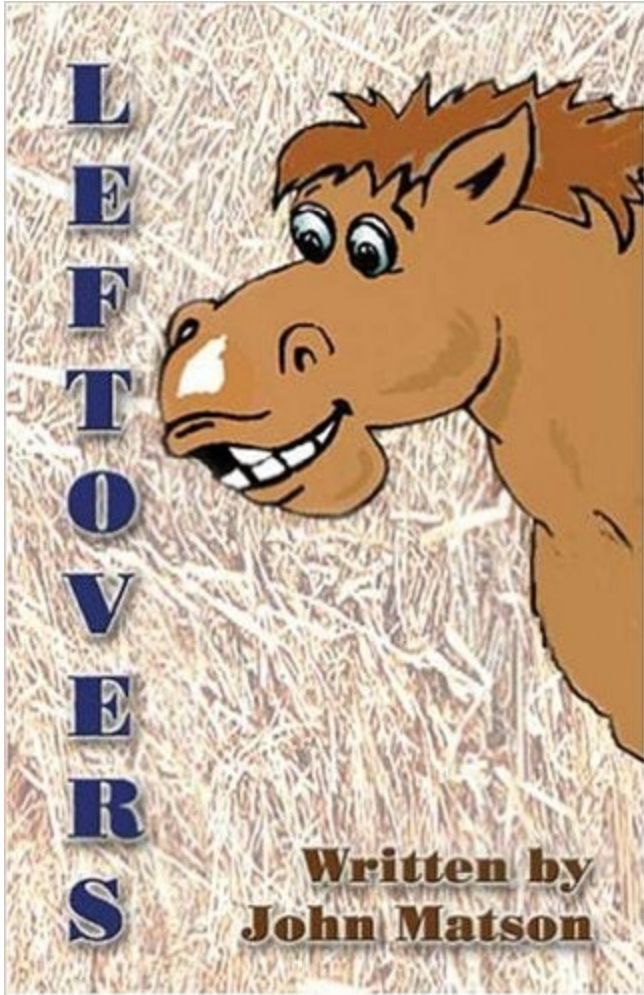
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59	Maley	Dale C.	2014	Fairbury, Illinois in 1888	History
60	Maley	Dale C.	2015	Fairbury, Illinois and the 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition	History
61	Maley	Dale C.	2015	History of Murders Committed in Fairbury, Illinois	History

Dale's books are all available as Kindle books from Amazon. Printed copies of the history books are in the Dominy Memorial Library in Fairbury.

MATSON, JOHN

Mr. Matson wrote one 2004 book titled *Leftovers*. A copy of this book is in the Dominy Memorial Library.



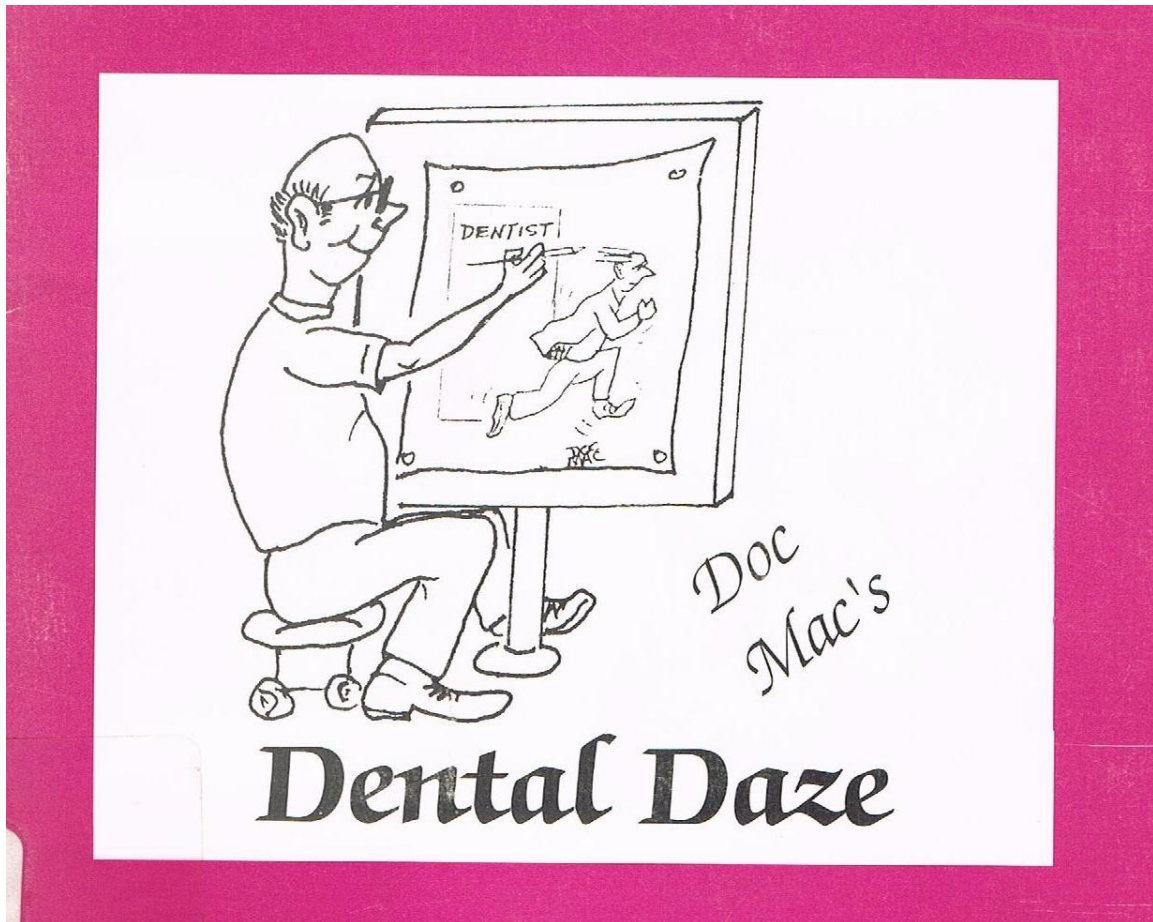
From Amazon.com:

This book is not about politics, nor is it about war. This book is simply a good humorous read about a race horse named Leftovers, who seemingly was born to do his own thing. A very mischievous race horse proved very difficult for his Kentucky breeder to sell until a bragging, know-it-all groom from another stable came strolling by. After summing up the groom's character, the Kentucky breeder of race horses now saw his chance to unload this horse who was a thorn in his side and nobody wanted. The price was one that the groom could not refuse as he peeled off a one dollar bill from his three dollar bankroll. This proved to be more than an interesting buy for its new owner, as the intelligence of his horse was equal to his own. It was not long before the owner's nephew also became part of this stable, which now would make a very unique trio of which there could be no

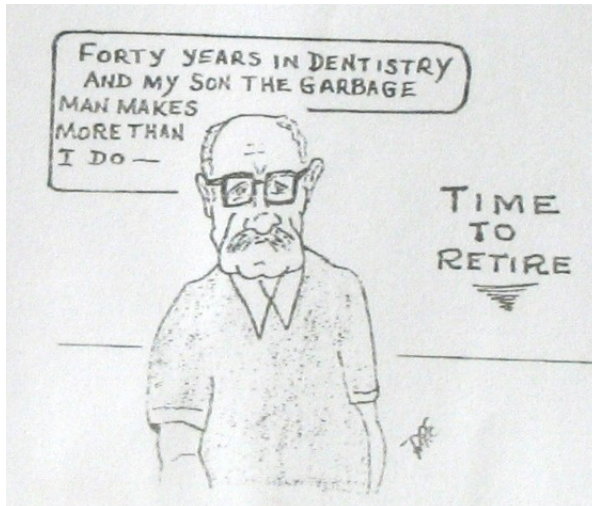
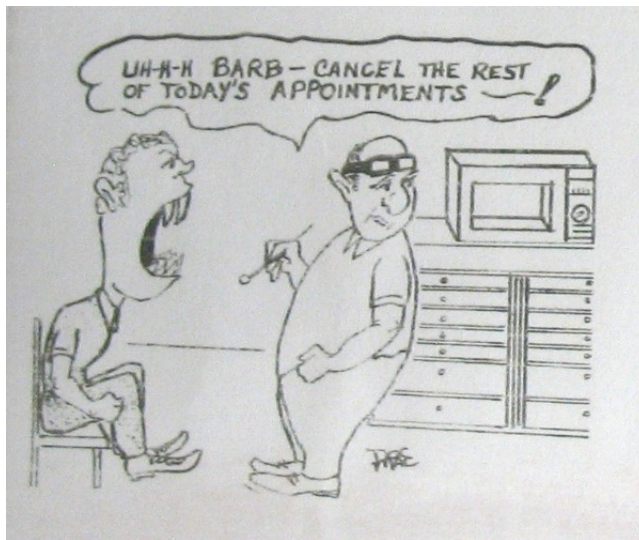
other. After many failures and few successes, the stable is rescued by a friend, which makes them all winners in the end.

MCDONALD, DR. JOHN

Dr. McDonald was a dentist who practice for many years in Fairbury. One of his hobbies was drawing cartoons. In 1993, he published a book with his cartoons titled ***Doc Mac's Dental Daze***.



A couple of cartoons from his book are shown below:



The May 22, 1993, edition of the Pantagraph covered a story about the Fairbury dentist and his cartoon book:

'Doc Mac' draws on 'Dental Daze'

Retiree publishes cartoons

By **TONY PARKER**
Pontiac bureau chief

FAIRBURY — Between filling cavities and pulling teeth, Dr. John McDonald used to be seen around Fairbury scrawling on restaurant napkins.

McDonald, who retired in 1986 and still lives in Fairbury, can still be seen around town putting pen to paper.

But instead of leaving his work for small groups of friends and other dentists attending meetings or conferences, McDonald now hopes his drawings will be seen by larger audiences.

Known as "Doc Mac" or the "Doodlin' Dentist" to his friends, McDonald has published the first book of his cartooning.

And he was at Bellot's Drugs in downtown Fairbury yesterday signing copies of the book, "Dental Daze." McDonald, 71, will be at the store again today from 9 to 11 a.m.

Although cartoons in his first book focus on dental themes, McDonald said he has two more books ready for the publisher with a mix of cartoons involving activities ranging from dancing to traveling and sports.

McDonald said he started drawing cartoons in grade school and has never stopped, although he didn't start collecting his own work until five years ago. He now has more than 3,000 cartoons on file at home.

"Everywhere I went I used to draw cartoons. I'd go

on a fishing trip and come back with 20 or 30," he explained.

Most of his cartoons are lighthearted and feature ordinary-looking people. His political cartoons are kept private mostly because of an experience he had in 1964 while doing cartoons for the Fairbury Blade.

McDonald said he received several threatening letters, including death threats, after the Blade ran his cartoons favoring Republican Barry Goldwater over Democrat Lyndon B. Johnson in the 1964 presidential election. Many of the cartoons referred to the Democrat as "Light Bulb Johnson."

McDonald's cartoons have been in the Fairbury Rotary Club's weekly bulletin for years, and his work also has been featured in CAL, the publication of a dental supply firm.

But the 92-cartoon book finished last week is his first.

"When people laugh at my cartoons, I really get a kick out of it," said McDonald, who spent 33 of his 36 years practicing dentistry in Fairbury.

"I started really drawing when I came to Fairbury (in 1953). I'd draw for the fellows I went to lunch with on napkins or placemats. I'd do the same thing at dental society meetings," he explained.

McDonald's book is for sale at Bellot's Drugs or can be obtained by writing to "Doc Mac" at P.O. Box 14, Fairbury, Ill., 61739. The book costs \$5, but mail orders require an additional \$1.75 for postage and handling.

Doc McDonald passed away in 2006:



John R. McDonald

Born: December 08, 1921

Died: December 30, 2006



FAIRBURY – JOHN R. "DOC" McDONALD D.D.S., 85, of Fairbury, died at 9:40 PM, Saturday, December 30, 2006 at Heartland Manor Care, Paxton, IL. His passing was due to Merkel Cell Cancer.

His funeral will be 11:00 AM, Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at the First Baptist Church of Fairbury. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 P.M. Tuesday, January 2, 2006 at the Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury. Burial will take place at Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury with full Military rites accorded by the Fairbury V.F.W Post #9789. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Fairbury or Heartland Manor Care, Paxton, IL.

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Dr. McDonald was born December 8, 1921, in Westmore, IL to Finlay and Elinor (Keiser) McDonald. He was a graduate of DePaul Academy in 1939 and graduated from the University of Illinois Dental School in 1950. He served in the US Air Force as a Combat Pilot in Europe in WW II. He also served in the Korean War as a Dentist, in the rank of Captain in Korea and Japan from 1950 – 1952. He flew Paratroopers in the 101st Airborne in Normandy and the 82nd in Holland and Southern France.

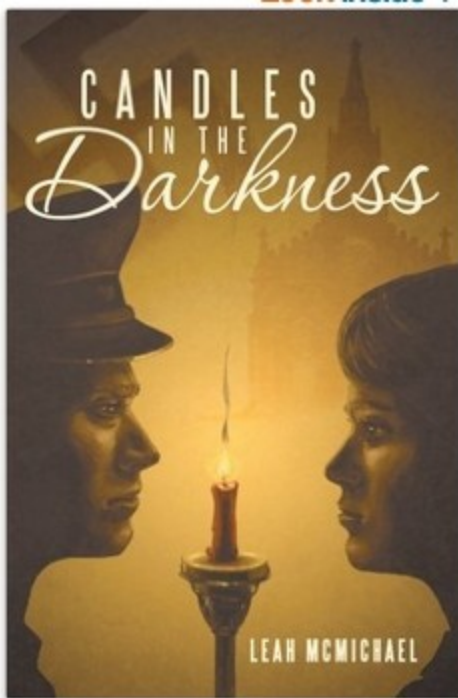
He practiced Dentistry in Fairbury from 1953 – 1986, was a life member of Illinois and McLean County Dental Society. Past President of the McLean County Dental Society and the Fairbury Rotary Club. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Fairbury, Past Commander of John Joda American Legion Post #54 in Fairbury and the Manager for Claudon's Little League Baseball Team. He was also named Fairbury's Citizen of the Year in 1987. After retiring from Dentistry was the Secretary – Treasurer of Graceland Cemetery from 1988 – 1998 and traveled extensively with best friend and wife Barbara to every state in the union, Nova Scotia, Israel and Canada.

He married Irmgard "Irma" Freytag, he then married Barbara J. Steidinger on May 12, 1979 in Pontiac. She survives at Fairbury. Six children also survive: two Sons John (Maria), Naples, Italy, Robert (Joan), Hudson, IL. Four Daughters: Patty Davis, Mesa, AZ, Barbara (Mark) Sweeny, Hendersonville, NC, Laura McMinn, Fairbury, IL, Annette (Shawn) Jones, Champaign, IL. Six Granddaughters, Six Grandsons and 3 Great Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by both parents one brother and one infant sister.

His outstanding wit, humor and gift of drawing cartoons which were published in the Blade, CAL Magazine, Weight Watcher's and Word of Mouth Newsletter of the Rotary Club will be greatly missed by, Poodle "Mikey" and wife Barbara.

MCMICHAEL, LEAH

In 2013, Leah wrote a book titled Candles in the Darkness.



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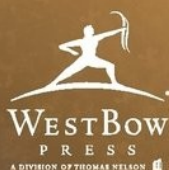
CANDLES IN THE *Darkness*

Austria, 1938. After five months of Nazi rule, a young pastor's self-sacrifice rocks the city of Villach. Eva, his wife, faces the mounting danger beneath the scrutiny of a reluctant Gestapo agent. As an adventure-ready Alpine guide searches for help for two Jewish orphans, Eva wonders: is God still watching? Still listening? The implications of her husband's choice are far-reaching, and even the Gestapo must take sides. What happens when there is nowhere left to run?



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high school senior at George Washington Academy in Casablanca. American by birth, she is most at home among the colors and organized chaos of Africa. In her spare time, she makes jewelry; reads voraciously; boogie boards; hangs out with her parents, friends, and cat; and goes to school. She plans to major in English at college.



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About the Author

Pastor's kid Leah McMichael has grown up overseas, living in the United States, South Africa, Zambia, France, and now Morocco. At the time of this writing, she is seventeen and a high school senior at George Washington Academy in Casablanca. American by birth, she is most at home among the colors and organized chaos of Africa. In her spare time, she makes jewelry; reads voraciously; boogie boards; hangs out with her parents, friends, and cat; and goes to school. She plans to major in English at college.

From a reviewer on Amazon.com:

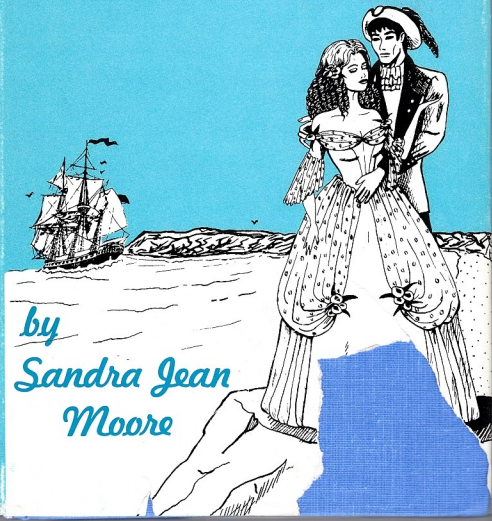
This is one of those books you don't want to put down. I was a little skeptical at first knowing the author is only 17, but quickly changed my thinking. The beginning of the book was totally captivating and unexpected. Through the detailed descriptions I was pulled into the scenes - feeling cold in the snow, smelling the food cooking, and nervous for the people in peril. My father served in WWII and the wartime horrors during this time of history were realized through "Candles in the Darkness". Absolutely recommend this book to anyone!

MOORE, SANDRA JEAN MOORE

In 1991, Sandra wrote a book titled *Sailing in the Free Spirit*.

Sailing the Free Spirit

*by
Sandra Jean
Moore*





ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sandra Jean Moore was born in Maryland and raised on a dairy farm. When she was 13, her family moved to Illinois. She still lives in Illinois, where she works, raises two delightful children, and pursues a wide variety of hobbies. She calls herself "a laid-back person in a wound-up world," someone who was "born a century too late." This is her first published book.



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SAILING THE FREE SPIRIT

by

Sandra Jean Moore

Can a young woman stay true to her feelings in a world of compromise and restriction? Can a girl from a wealthy family live life to the fullest, or must she be bound by the rules of class and society? And what if she falls in love with a man who is not only out of her class and ill-at-ease in her society, but also a criminal renegade living outside the law?

Sailing the Free Spirit is the heart-warming story of young Cassy Moore. The year is 1815. Though Cassy has studied in the refined schools of the East, she is a true child of the American frontier, able to ride and shoot with any man. When she returns from the East to her father's large plantation, she meets—quite by accident—the notorious pirate Jean Laffite. They instantly fall in love, but though Jean is in fact an old and valued friend of the family, they both realize that their love must, by rights, remain unfulfilled. Jean is on the run from the Government, and from many of his enemies, and he lives a footloose and reckless life far removed from the prosperous society to which Cassy belongs.

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Yet Cassy has a sixth sense which enables her to foresee the future, and she knows that somehow her life will be bound with Jean's forever. How the two lovers overcome danger, separation, and society's constraints to find love and happiness together is the exciting, inspiring tale that unfolds in this historical romance-adventure, an imaginative fantasy of love promised and love fulfilled.

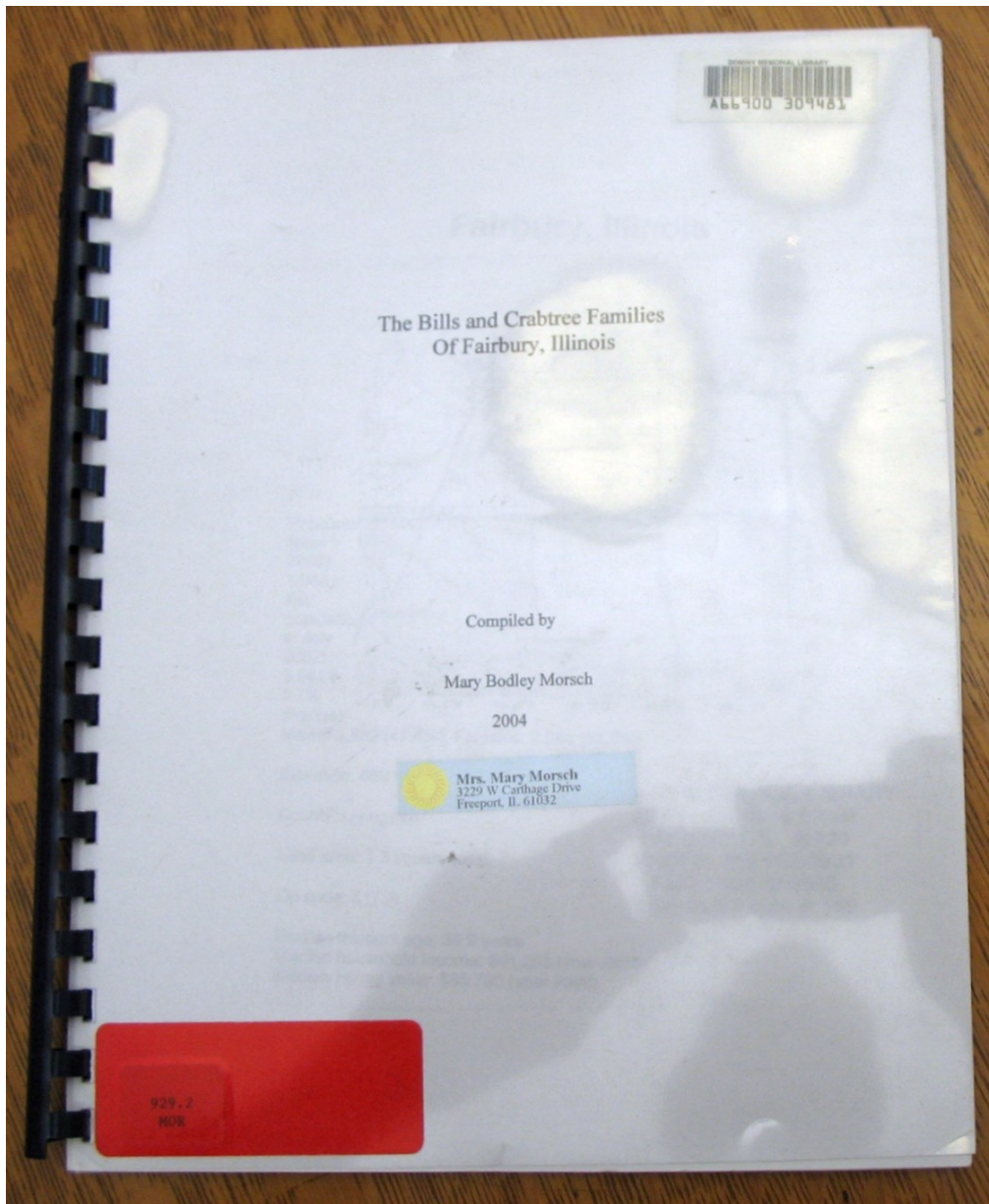
MORSCH, MARY BODLEY

One of Mary's main hobbies is genealogy. She has traced her ancestors back to Europe.

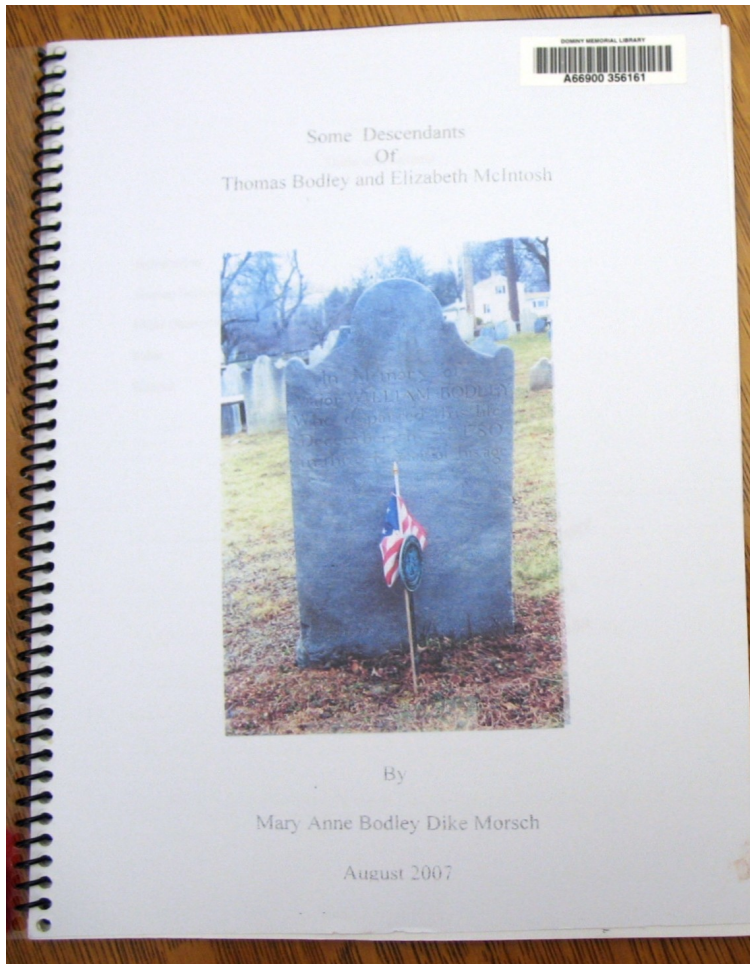
Mary, like the author of this short story, is a descendant of John Edward Bodley, Senior. John Bodley moved from Fountain County, Indiana, to his new farm in Lodemia in about 1855.

Mary has researched and published two family genealogy books. These books are available at the Dominy Memorial Library in Fairbury.

The first book was published in 2004 and is titled ***The Bills and Crabtree Families of Fairbury, Illinois.***



Her second book was published in 2007 and is titled ***Some Descendants of Thomas Bodley and Elizabeth McIntosh.***



NUSSBAUM, BENJAMIN

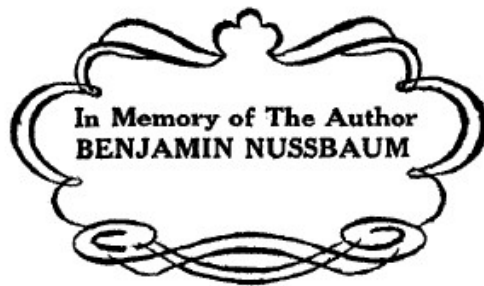
Ben Nussbaum published two books covering the history of the Apostolic Christian Church in Fairbury.

110 Years of
NORTH SIDE
•
FORREST

Apostolic-Christian
CHURCH HISTORY

1864-1974

Ben Nussbaum



"Uncle Ben" spent many untiring hours compiling the dates and facts recalling precious moments of our Church members' conduct, and procedure of living our precious faith, as it is written for us, in the Bible. The Author has so very carefully outlined our "way-of-life," and has so ably mentioned the "little things" which make this book so interesting.

It is rather sad to note that our "Uncle Ben" passed away approximately six weeks before this book came out of publication. However, he did realize, he did have the satisfaction that it was being completed.

We are so "thankful" to him for his keen interest and taking time to write this for our enjoyment.

His loving wife, Lydia (Munz) Nussbaum, and his son, Wilmer and wife Mary, were instrumental in proofreading this and becoming helpful so this could be accomplished.

May God bless his efforts, for He is the One, who gives us strength.

Submitted by Edith Huette

FOREWORD

Recording the affairs and events of an era whose duration exceeds one's lifetime not only requires that the author have an excellent memory but also that his colleagues be likewise blest. For it is they upon whom he must rely for information of which he is unaware and also for confirmation of those segments which time may have obscured. It has been this generous assistance and unreserved cooperation of those closely associated with the Church that has not only made this book possible but also made my own endeavors so rewarding. Of inestimable value have been the singular efforts of both Reverends Henry Kilgus and Joseph Kaisner who have drawn unsparingly from their intimate and extensive knowledge of the North Side. To you all I proffer my sincere appreciation, hoping that this and the inner satisfaction that accrues from participating in the production of a long-needed and authentic Church history will be ample compensation.

It would likewise be remiss of us all not to acknowledge our indebtedness to the Reverend Joseph Virkler and his family who migrated to this area from Croghan, New York, in 1864 and shortly thereafter was instrumental in the inception of the North Side Church—one of the very earliest of Apostolic Christian faith in the United States. The fertile land, the opportunities, and the Virkler magnetism combined to attract many more AC's to this area and the increase of their numbers resulted in the subsequent forming of two new churches: one at Fairbury and one several miles south of there. The life of the latter has been recorded in my book: "74 Years of 'South Side' Apostolic Church History" published in 1973.

Under Virkler's able guidance and with the support of a small but ardent membership, no Church ever started under brighter auspices nor held the promise of more Divine yield. So, with reverence and admiration toward these inspired and devoted forefathers whose poignant accomplishments will accompany us to our Final Rendezvous at the End-of-the-Road; this work is dedicated. May your sojourn, as you reminisce through the ensuing pages, be a most enjoyable experience.

**74 YEARS OF
“SOUTH SIDE”
APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN
CHURCH HISTORY**



SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS
OF
“SOUTH SIDE”
APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH HISTORY

WRITTEN BY BEN NUSSBAUM 1973

THIRTY YEARS LATER

REVISED BY DERRICK K. BABBS 2003

FOREWORD

HISTORY, UNFORTUNATELY, DOES NOT BECOME RECORDED HISTORY UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE. HOWEVER AT THIS TIME AND WITH THE HELP OF MY CONTEMPORARIES, IT IS STILL POSSIBLE TO PLACE TOGETHER MUCH OF THE REMOTE PAST RELEVANT TO THE "SOUTH SIDE" APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOCATED IN SECTION THIRTY-SIX OF INDIAN GROVE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

EVEN THOUGH OUR OWN EARLY LIVES MAY HAVE HAD THEIR SHARE OF TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, LACK OF MONEY AND OTHER MATERIAL DEFICIENCIES, IT CAN IN NO WAY COMPARE WITH THE EXTREME HARDSHIPS THAT OUR ANCESTORS ENDURED TO PROTECT AND NURTURE THE CHURCH. TO BE ABLE TO CARRY ON THE RELIGIOUS LIFE DEMANDED OF THEM BY THEIR CONSCIENCE AS WELL AS THE BYLAWS OF THE CHURCH MUST HAVE PLACED A SEVERE STRAIN UPON THEIR ALREADY DIFFICULT LIVES. WE MUST, THEREFORE, BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO THESE OUR ELDERS WHO, THROUGH THEIR PERSEVERANCE AND SAGACITY, HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP AND "FREEDOM OF WORSHIP" OF TODAY'S CHURCH. SO, TO OUR FOREFATHERS; TO THOSE OLD FRIENDS AND COMPANIONS OF HORSE-AND-BUGGY DAYS -- WHOSE LIGHTED FACES SHINE NOR SMILE NO MORE UPON THIS EARTH -- THESE PAGES ARE DEDICATED.

↓ SPACE

BEGINNING OF THE APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN THIS AREA

HISTORY OF THE "NORTH SIDE" CHURCH RECALLS THAT THE JOSEPH VIRKLER FAMILY CAME TO LIVINGSTON COUNTY IN 1864 AND SETTLED ON A FARM NORTH OF FORREST. NIKLAUS NUSSBAUM, BEN NUSSBAUM'S GRANDFATHER, AND HIS FAMILY CAME TO THE FAIRBURY AREA FROM METAMORA IN THE FALL OF 1868. THEY MOVED TO THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTEEN IN INDIAN GROVE TOWNSHIP WHICH WAS THREE AND ONE-HALF MILES SOUTHEAST OF FAIRBURY. THE ONLY CHURCH SERVICES OF THEIR FAITH, IN THIS VICINITY, WERE BEING HELD AT "NORTH SIDE" HOMES IN THE REGION OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE IN PLEASANT RIDGE TOWNSHIP.

THE "NORTH SIDE" BEGAN THEIR SERVICES IN 1864 WITH VISITING MINISTERS PRESIDING. THEY WERE HELD IN HOMES FOR FOUR OF FIVE YEARS UNTIL A TWO-ROOM CHURCH WAS BUILT. IT HAD AN ASSEMBLY ROOM AND KITCHEN AND WAS ERECTED ON THE SOUTH CORNER OF SECTION TWENTY-ONE. THIS WAS THEIR FIRST CHURCH BUILDING AND WAS COMPARABLE IN SIZE TO A ONE-ROOM COUNTRY SCHOOLHOUSE.

WHEN BEN'S GRANDFATHER COMMENCED FARMING HERE IN 1868 HE HAD LITTLE EQUIPMENT OR MONEY WITH WHICH HE COULD PURCHASE ANY AND BEN'S FATHER OFTEN TOLD HIM OF THE TIMES THEY HAD BORROWED A NEIGHBOR'S WAGON IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE "NORTH SIDE" SERVICES. IT WAS A DRIVE OF EIGHT MILES AND MANY "SOUTH SIDE" HAD THE SAME PROBLEM, TRAVELING EVEN GREATER DISTANCES TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES.

BEGINNING OF THE "SOUTH SIDE" CHURCH

IN THE LATE 1860'S AND EARLY 1870'S AN INCREASING NUMBER OF FAMILIES MOVED INTO THIS NOW-CALLED "SOUTH SIDE" COMMUNITY. WITH SOME REGULARITY, ONE BEGAN TO HEAR SUCH NAMES AS: BITTNER, FARNEY, GERBER, HARI, HARTMAN, HOSTERWITZ, NUSSBAUM, ROTH, SLAGLE, SOHN, SOMMER, STEFFEN, WENGER, YODER, ZIEGENHORN, ZIMMERMAN, AND OTHERS. SERVICES WERE HELD IN VARIOUS MEMBERS' HOMES AND NEARBY INDIAN CREEK SERVED AS THEIR BAPTISMAL FOUNT UNTIL THE CHURCH BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1875. THE BURGEONING MEMBERSHIP OF THESE EARLY YEARS REQUIRED INCREASED SPACE AND A MEETING TO DISCUSS IT RESULTED IN ANDREW ROTH, ULRICH STEFFEN, AND RUDOLPH

Both of these books are available in digital PDF format by using an Internet search.
A copy of the 1975 Pantagraph obituary for Ben Nussbaum is shown below:

Benjamin Nussbaum

FAIRBURY (PNS)—Benjamin Nussbaum, 82, died at 3:12 p.m. Thursday at Fairbury Hospital.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Apostolic Christian Church, with burial in Graceland Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Duffy-Pils Memorial Home. He will be taken to the church at 9 a.m. Saturday.

He was born Sept. 24, 1892, at Forrest, a son of Samuel and Christina Stortz Nussbaum Sr. He married Ruth Marguerite Zook. She died in 1929. He married Lydia Munz May 10, 1941, at Fairbury.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Wilmer Nussbaum, Xenia, Ohio; three grandchildren.

Five brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

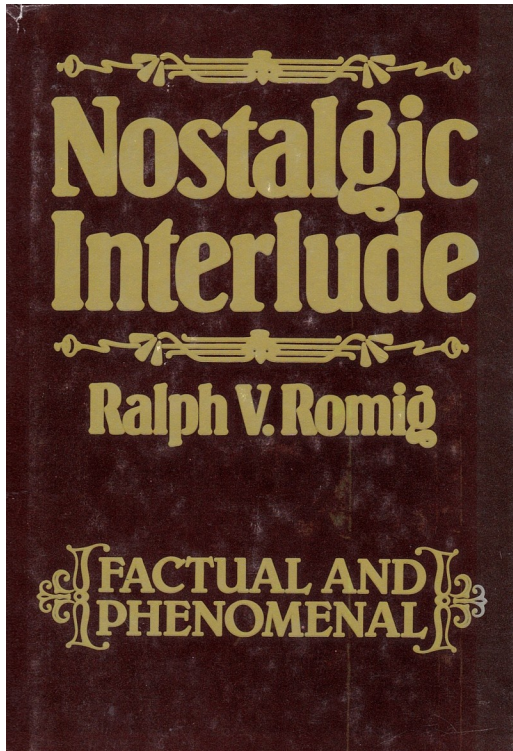
He was a member of the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church, was a retired farmer and was retired superintendent of the Fairbury Waterworks.

He was the oldest member of the Wisconsin Archeological Society and was a member of the Illinois society. He was the author of a complete history on the North and South Apostolic Christian Churches.

Memorials may be made to Fairview Haven Nursing Home, Fairbury.

ROMIG, RALPH V.

Ralph Romig was a sign painter in Fairbury. In 1980, he published a book of poems titled *Nostalgic Interlude: Factual and Phenomenal*.



NOSTALGIC INTERLUDE

by Ralph V. Romig

In the lines of his poem, "A Man Looks at Himself," we find Ralph V. Romig examining his own personal history, but giving all his readers an insight that, when explored, should lead to deeper understanding.

Because this poet's history is this kind of shared experience, we can travel with him, back into childhood days. We can feel, with him, all the deepest meaningful emotions: love, fear, and even the wry humor of human existence.

It is no accident that we can share so strongly with this poet—share the values of life. When we read the lines of "The Greatest Place to Be," we know we are in contact with a soulmate. In this poem, ". . . I will give the evening prayer" writes Mr. Romig, when he is sitting down to supper. Concluding, as we all must: "When vacation time comes around again; on this we all agree; / We will spend it in our happy home; the greatest place to be."—Amen, we agree, to that.

About the Author

Ralph V. Romig was born in a discarded miner's shack, in 1911, in Illinois. Although he only finished school up to the eighth grade, his love for poetry came at an early age, when he was inspired by Longfellow's "Children's Hour." He has spent his life working among people in many roles: bookkeeper, restaurant operator, sign painter, and others equally colorful.

His involvement in extrasensory perception has occupied him, as he searches for the meanings of life, to express them in his poetry. Now retired, Mr. Romig continues his writing, and has received trophies and ribbons for his other creative occupation, oil painting.

And here is one of Ralph's poems from his book:

Through the Eyes of a Small-town Boy

Back in the roaring twenties; twenty-two or twenty-three;
I was then; but ten or twelve; happy and carefree.
Loving the way that things were then; glad I was a boy;
A small-town kid; just growing up; living was a joy.

The blacksmith shop; with the glowing forge; its aromatic smell;
I watched the horses getting shod, across from the city well.
Where everyone drank from the same tin cup; they waited in
line;
This was before they had germs; Oh! What a wonderful time!

The railroad depot, with gum-ball machines; and a giant
pot-bellied stove;
The big steam engines; that coughed and smoked; people wont
to shove.
Bringing a circus into town; billing the greatest wild animal act;
Human fire eater and two-headed boy; I saw him; that's a fact!

The cannons up in the city park; on which we loved to climb;
Tom Mix at the picture show; you could see him for a dime.
Band concerts held; once a week; a bag of peanuts for a nickel;
Farmers' daughters; walking 'round; giggling and acting fickle.

You could get firecrackers at the candy store; in June and in July;
You had to handle them carefully, for you could lose an eye.
They had penny and nickel and quarter machines; sometimes you
won a lot;
When Dad found out I loitered there; I'll not tell you what I
got.

The sunken park, in the winter time; that always had the
smoothest ice;
On which to skate or ride a sled; I tell you it was nice.
Could I live a portion of my life o'er; this wish God grant to me;
Let me be a boy again; in nineteen twenty-two or
twenty-three.

The September 20, 1980, edition of the Pantagraph noted that it would be running a future story on Ralph publishing a poetry book:

Poet philosopher

Ralph Romig of Fairbury has published a volume of his poetry. Mostly, it tells about his life and how he sees things. Larry Knilands of the Pantagraph News Service found out why he would spend \$3,650 for such a project.

The September 21, 1980, edition of the Pantagraph carried the story of Ralph and his book:

Fairbury man

Poet felt

'compelled to write'

Larry Knilands

Pantagraph reporter for Fairbury

FAIRBURY — Ralph Romig's life can offer a lesson in the creative process.

Romig, who recently published a volume of poetry, "Nostalgic Interlude," says "a person can't write material like mine unless he really intends to expose what is in his heart.

"Other people might show their true natures to a few close friends," he said, "or never let their feelings come to light. But that's just not my way. To me, that's hypocrisy. People should always be themselves.

"And I've done that in my book for everybody to see."

Romig also believes that one should write about things with which one is familiar.

"The things I touched on were some of the major subjects of my 69 years on this earth. I've told about what it was like to grow up in Fairbury in the early 1920s."

He also used his four- and eight-line stanzas to describe his first home, his grandfather, his brother, the beauty and tragedy of aging, the life of a hobo, fishing and the importance of the law.

"I've been a sign painter for 52 years," Romig said. "I've lived in several states, but I love life and I love people. I've always been emotional about the little, everyday things, and I hope the book shows that."

Romig began his career lettering milk

cans, then graduated to "No Hunting" signs and billboards. Next he carved chains and animals from soft pine.

"My first attempt at a painting was Jesus at the Jordan for a church baptismal font," he said.

His paintings won best of show several times at the Fairbury Fair, but, he said, "I didn't win in 1979, which was sort of a relief. It was a sign to me that somebody else was supposed to take over.

"I guess my age is catching up with me."

Catch the feeling

Age is a major reason he "felt compelled to write my poems," he said. "I wanted to tell the truth about what I've seen and I wanted to leave a part of me behind in writing so that others might know something of me."

The need to leave something behind crops up again and again in Romig's conversation.

"My poems began to take shape over 10 years ago," he said. "I would be at the table reflecting on something from years past and a line or two of verse would rattle through my head. The first few times I let the words fly away, but gradually I began writing them down.

"I wanted others to catch the feeling I was having."

He says he subscribes to the "Nathaniel Hawthorne school of poetic inspiration."

In his introduction to "The Scarlet Letter" Hawthorne describes how an author can use his surroundings to get into the proper mood.

Romig said he is affected by the time of day, the degree of light and the sounds around him. "I just open my mind to the possibilities. A howling wind might bring back a stormy day when my brother was ill. A passing freight might prompt a vision of a hobo I knew. My writing is the result of allowing myself to be led by the emotion of the moment."

Beyond his easily stated reasons for writing is another not easily defined. It is a spirit, or force, that he believes simply compelled him to write.

Believes in voice

"I only have an eighth-grade education," he said. "My teachers though I was a poor student. I showed no scholarly bent of any kind. If you had told me in 1925 that I would write a book, I would have laughed.

"But somehow I could sit at the typewriter, use two fingers and get strong urges to spill out words.

"A voice would come from somewhere when conditions were right, and the

story, rhyme, meter — everything — would be on the paper."

He believes in that voice.

"I have to feel that part of the inspiration came from outside. I used words that came to me out of the clouds and then I would have to look them up to check the spelling and meaning. They would be words I didn't use or consciously know."

Romig felt so strongly about his poems that he provided the initial financing for their publication.

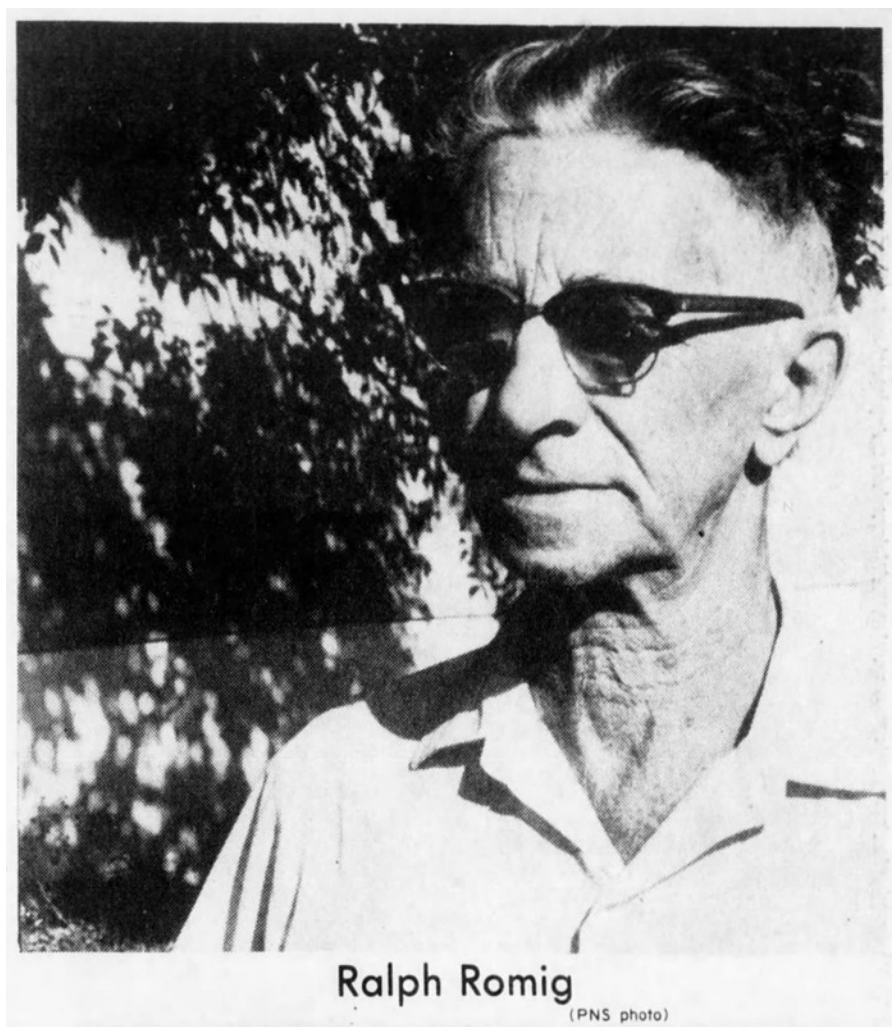
"I paid \$36.50 each for the first 100 copies. The company printed 400 more.

"I was advised not to deal with a vanity press," he said, "because they supposedly took your money and that was it."

But he said, "I didn't publish it for the money. They didn't give it a national promotion. But I don't care. I still am leaving a part of me to share with others.

"It took a fourth of my life savings to print the book. But I composed my epitaph for the stonecutter awhile back, and what I wrote tells what I feel about my poems and my life."

The epitaph: "It's been fun."



The November 2, 1988, edition of the Pantagraph contains Ralph's obituary:

Ralph V. Romig

FAIRBURY — Ralph V. Romig, 77, of Fairbury died at 4:30 a.m. yesterday (Nov. 1, 1988) at Greenbrier Lodge Nursing Home, Piper City.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Culkin-Diggle Funeral Home, Forrest, the Rev. Arthur Campbell officiating. Burial will follow in Cooper Cemetery, near Fairbury.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Mr. Romig was born Sept. 28, 1911, in Fairbury, a son of Burrie and Minnie Wince Romig. He married Helen Hoopes in 1931 in Crawfordsville, Ind. He later married Kathryn Goff on Nov. 21, 1952, in Dwight. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Donald, Kankakee; Robert, Tangier, Ind.; and Kenneth, Taylorville; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

One son, three grandchildren and one brother preceded him in death.

A resident of Fairbury his entire life, he had been active in Boy Scouts for many years.

He owned and operated Romig Sign Art for more than 50 years, retiring in 1973.

Mr. Romig had a book of poetry published in 1978, "Nostalgic Interlude."

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

The author drove south of Fairbury to Cooper's cemetery. Ralph did indeed have the epitaph, "It's been fun", inscribed on his tomb stone.





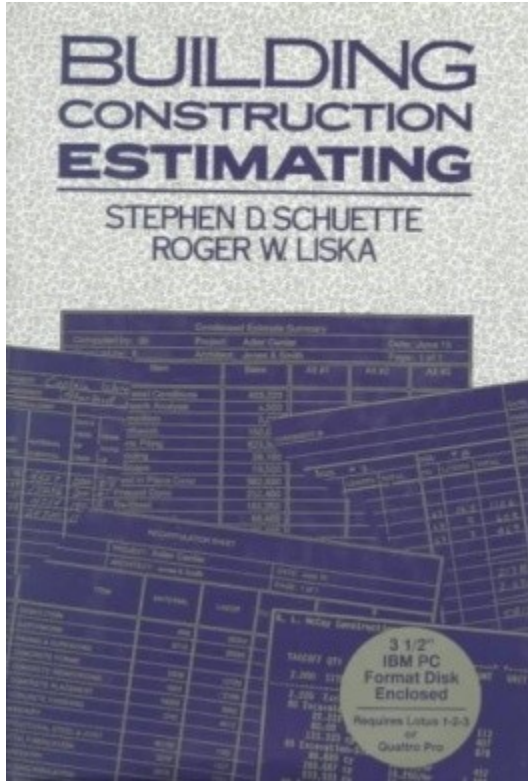
The October 18, 1990, edition of the Pantagraph has an ad for Ralph's estate sale:

FAIRBURY CORNER AUCTION
FRI., OCT. 19, 6 P.M.
600 E. Oak Fairbury, IL
Ph. 815-692-3482
Maurice Steidinger, Auctioneer
The Late Ralph Romig Estate
Several old paintings, large and small, 3 nudes; 14' extension ladder; lead glass front book-case; small oak case with glass door; carnival glass; figurines; antique auto decanter with music box; 1870 Seth Thomas clock; 2 rifles; 1 BB gun; brass cash register; guitar; electric guitar; ukulele; lots of primitives and collectibles; 1975 International Flatbed truck.

SCHUETTE, STEPHEN D.

Stephen Schuette lived in Fairbury for several years and he worked for Stoller & Maurer Construction. He recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Associated Schools of Construction. Very few people have received this award.

Stephen's 1994 book is titled ***Building Construction Estimating***.



From Amazon.com:

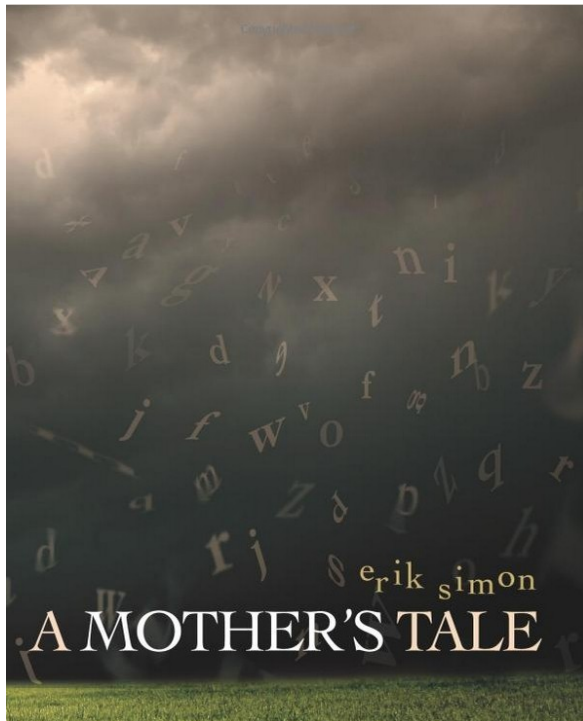
Building Construction Estimating furnishes readers with specific details on how a general building contractor derives the cost of a project before it begins, and how the estimate fits into the total construction process. The book provides coverage of such areas as determining labor productivity and wages, selecting equipment and assigning productivity rates and costs, acquiring specialty contractor prices, and assigning overhead costs and profit. The material is presented from the point of view of a general contractor working on a competitively bid stipulated-sum (lump-sum) contract. However, other contract methods and the effects they have on the estimating process are also discussed. Furthermore, the principles of estimating for the specialty trades are discussed from the reference of a general building contractor, and how the subcontractor's bid will affect the total project cost is presented. Of special note is the book's introduction and utilization of computers in the estimating process - enabling readers to utilize new technology in an effective and efficient manner. The book is organized in a way that first teaches the reader to perform many of the estimating activities manually, then guides them in


developing a computer spreadsheet. The use of spreadsheets empowers the reader to go beyond the manual calculations and develop new and more proficient solutions to estimating problems.

SIMON, ERIK

Erik is the son of a former Fairbury minister. He has written the three books noted below:

Simon	Erik	2008	A Mother's Tale
Simon	Erik	2012	Don Prophet
Simon	Erik	2013	Bunny Jones

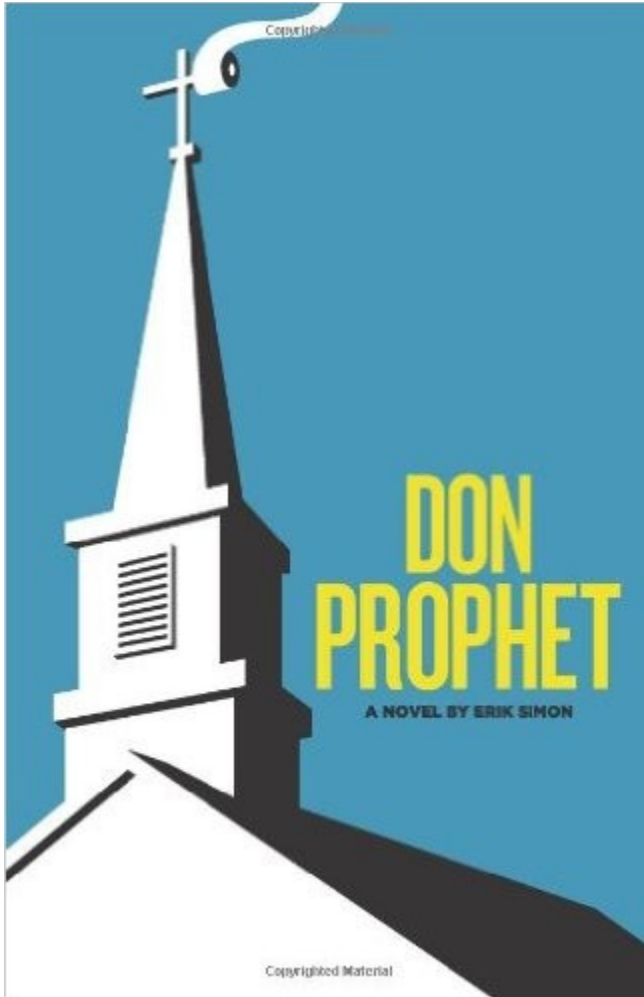




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At the center of this unflinching and exquisite tale is Jimson, a thirteen-year-old girl who's never known her father and lives with her mother in a run-down home eight miles from the nearest town. When the novel opens, Jimson sees a stranger lying unconscious in their front yard. Since their phone has been cut off, they can't call for help. And since it has been raining so hard for so long, their tiny old car wouldn't stand a chance on the flooding country roads. So Jimson and her mother do the only thing they can think of: they bring the strange man into their home, a decision that will change their lives in ways they could never have imagined.

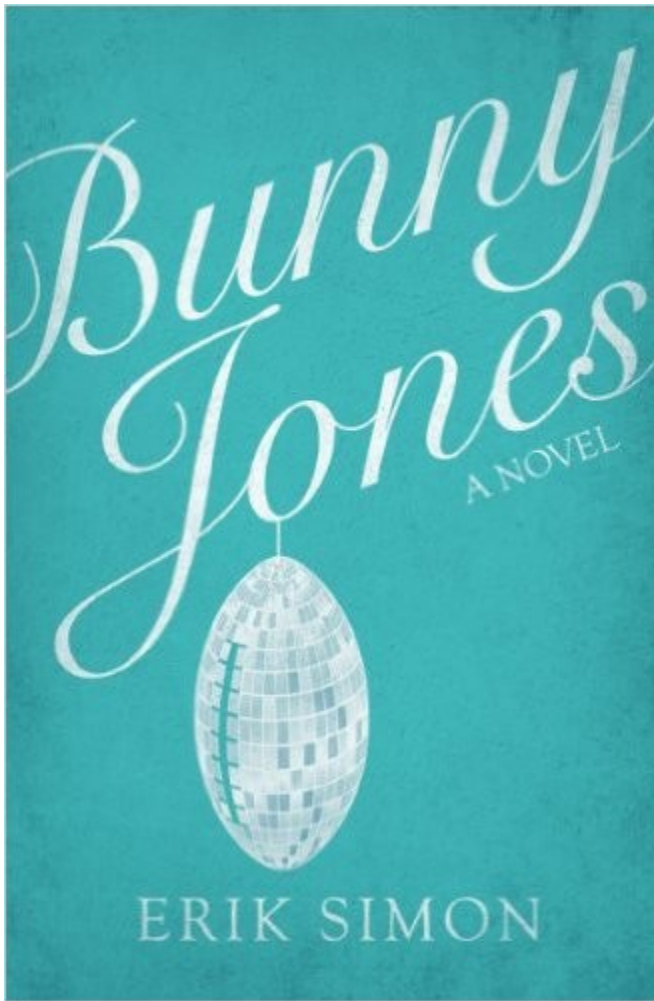
Lyrical, poignant and profound, *A Mother's Tale* chronicles the chance encounter of three people haunted by their individual pasts. What unfolds is a story of love, loss, heartache and redemption — a remarkable tale with one of the most astonishing endings in recent fiction.



From Amazon.com:

A brilliant comic novel about faith, the media, and making it big in modern America. “I need a gimmick,” Don Bollinger said. It was the American thing to do—imagine your fame. Like most writers, Don can’t get his novel published. Or pay the rent. In this sorry state, he watches a lot of TV. Televangelists mostly. Barry Gladwell, in particular, the king of Jesus TV. Don hates him but can’t turn away. Gladwell’s very existence is a marketing miracle, a knockout punch to Christians aching for a smarter God. One day like too many others, Don’s girlfriend comes home and finds him ranting at the set. Fed up, she gives him a month to find a job. Out of their apartment finally, looking for work, he stumbles upon a soapbox preacher denouncing Harry Potter. The confrontation that ensues gives Don what he thinks could be the idea of a lifetime. Setting out from New York City, Don knows neither how nor where his opportunity may come. But come it will, forever changing the lives in his path: A failed actress and the son she wills to stardom. A displaced family of five. Dozens of kids gathered in a rural church basement. And one grateful girl whose questions would be answered. When we set out to do the Lord’s work, we never know what’s going to happen. Humble yourself, and in due time

He may exalt you. Don Prophet is on the way. ***Beef & Barley supports early literacy.*** Boys and girls who read at grade level by 3rd grade are significantly more likely to graduate high school. Every child should have that chance: to learn to read and learn to navigate the world. For every copy of Don Prophet sold, its publisher will donate a portion of the proceeds to early literacy programs.



From Amazon.com:

Bunny Jones is plain. Bunny Jones is poor. Bunny Jones doesn't have a mother, a computer, or even a nice pair of clothes. But she does have something else: Bunny Jones has a secret, a secret that turns an entire school community upside down.

"This short novel is full of exciting and emotionally distraught twists, and I was stunned by the outcome."

Caroline Beneke, Anderson High School in Austin, TX

“A phenomenal book! I was glued to it for about a week. It made me laugh, cry and smile.”

Marie Baumgartner, Reading Middle School in Cincinnati, OH

“An absolutely great read that kept me engaged from start to finish. Seeing how each character developed made me feel like I was really connecting with myself.”

William Perez, Hyde Leadership Charter School in Bronx, NY

“Kristen is one of those characters that you love to hate. She is funny and blunt and mean. She reminds me of someone I know in my school.”

Morgan Simon, Carmel High School in Carmel, IN

“Bunny Jones is a treat read. The situations encountered by the characters are relevant to the actions of teens today and should give kids plenty of food for thought. It will be great for teaching.”

Judy Manning, Life Skills teacher at Lawther Academy in Maquoketa, IA

“I’ve never read a book that contained a character as relatable as Jolene. She is insightful and dynamic, and she makes you realize how precious you could be to someone you barely know.”

Addi Lang, Fort Zumwalt West High School in O’Fallon, MO

STACKPOLE, WILLIAM T.

William Stackpole was one of the pioneering citizens of both Anchor and then Fairbury. William was a very interesting character. He is said to have made and lost three different fortunes. He ended up dying penniless, and to this day there is no tomb stone for him, his wife, or his daughter. All three are buried in the Fairbury Cemetery.

William had a life long passion for rivers, canals, and monetary systems. He invented and received a U.S. Patent for a river dredging device. He also wrote at least three books:

Stackpole	William T.	1879	The World's Navigation: The Problem with River Mouths	Published by the Pantagraph. Mentions his dredging patent.
Stackpole	William T.	1882	The Gates of the Rivers	Published by the Pantagraph
Stackpole	William T.	1887	The Illinois Coal Field, As a Factor in the Destiny of Nations	

Stackpole's house in Fairbury was one of the first houses built in Fairbury. It is still standing today. It is across the street east of the south-east corner of Marsh Park:



A biography of William Stackpole appeared in *The History of Livingston County, Illinois* book by W.M. LeBaron published in 1878.

WILLIAM T. STACKPOLE, real estate, Fairbury; born in Thomaston, Lincoln Co., Me., Dec 18, 1827, but removed to Illinois in early childhood, with his parents, who

settled in Tazewell Co., in the early Fall of 1832, where the subject of this sketch resided until 1849; in the Spring of that year he started for the gold fields of California, leaving his brothers home in Pike Col, April 4th, the party reaching the western slope of the Sierra Nevada's on the 8th day of September; he returned to Pekin, Illinois, in March 1851, where he built a warehouse and engaged in the produce business the following Fall, afterward connecting with it lumber and boating; subsequently he opened a coal mine; also improved a fruit farm of about 3,000 trees, in Peoria Co., opposite Pekin; this property is now known as Orchard Mines; in 1853, he purchased a large tract of land in what is now Anchor Township, McLean Co., and two years later commenced improving the same, being the pioneer in that township.

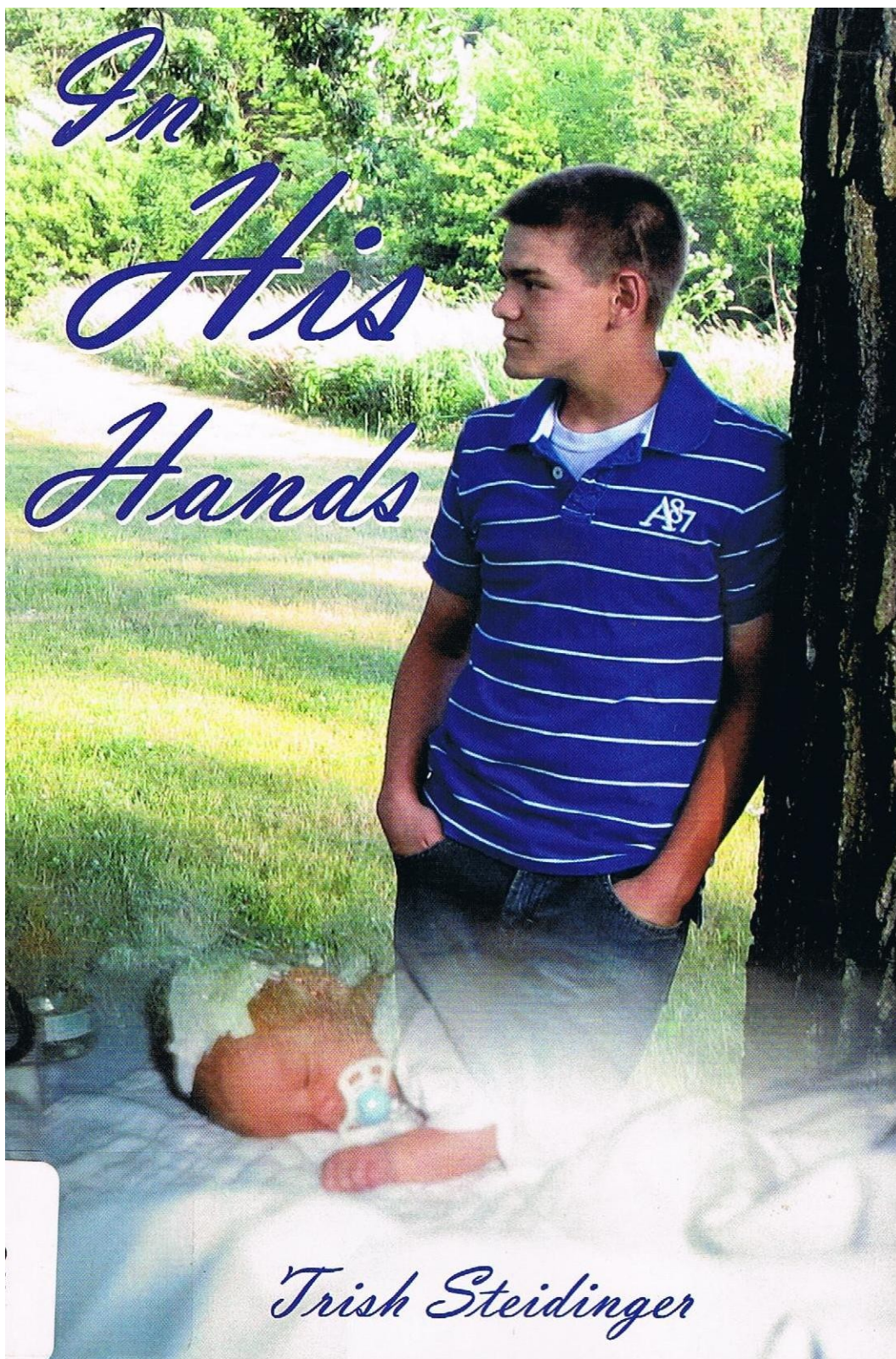
Mr. S. has taken an active interest in inland navigation in this country, having written many articles for the press on this important subject, and at the meeting of the Corporators of the Illinois River Improvement Company, held at St. Louis March 18, 1857. He was the first to call the attention of that body to the fact that the charter of said company was not in conformity to the compact of 1787; removed to Fairbury, his present home, in October, 1861.

Married in 1856, to Miss Jennie S. Harlow. who was born in Watertown, N. Y.; four children by this union, one living Anna S.; lost three-Willie G., died Sept. 15, 1867; Mary L., Nov. 15, 1870; Isabella E., Oct. 7, 1871.

For more information about William Stackpole, read the author's book titled ***Fairbury, Illinois and the 1893 Chicago Columbian Exposition.***

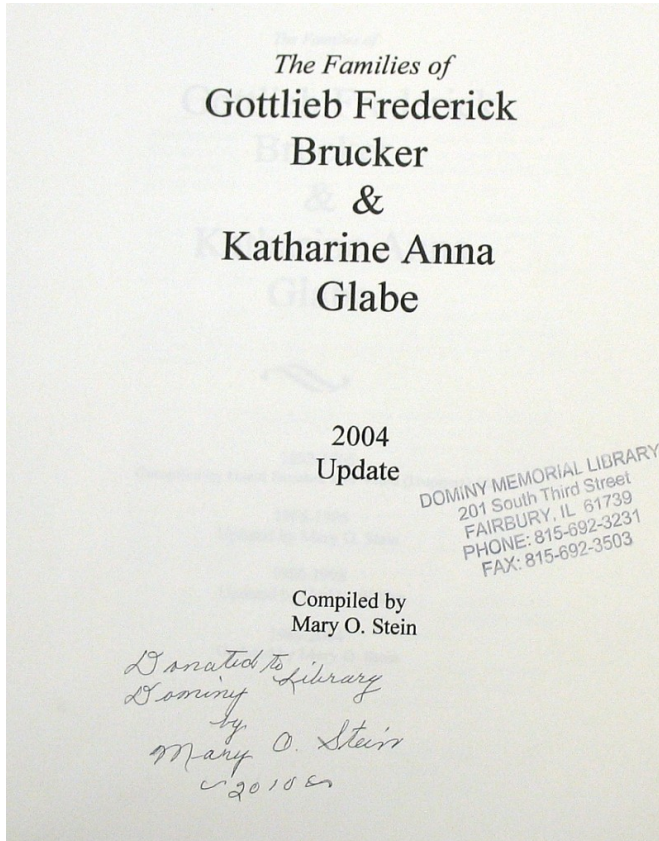
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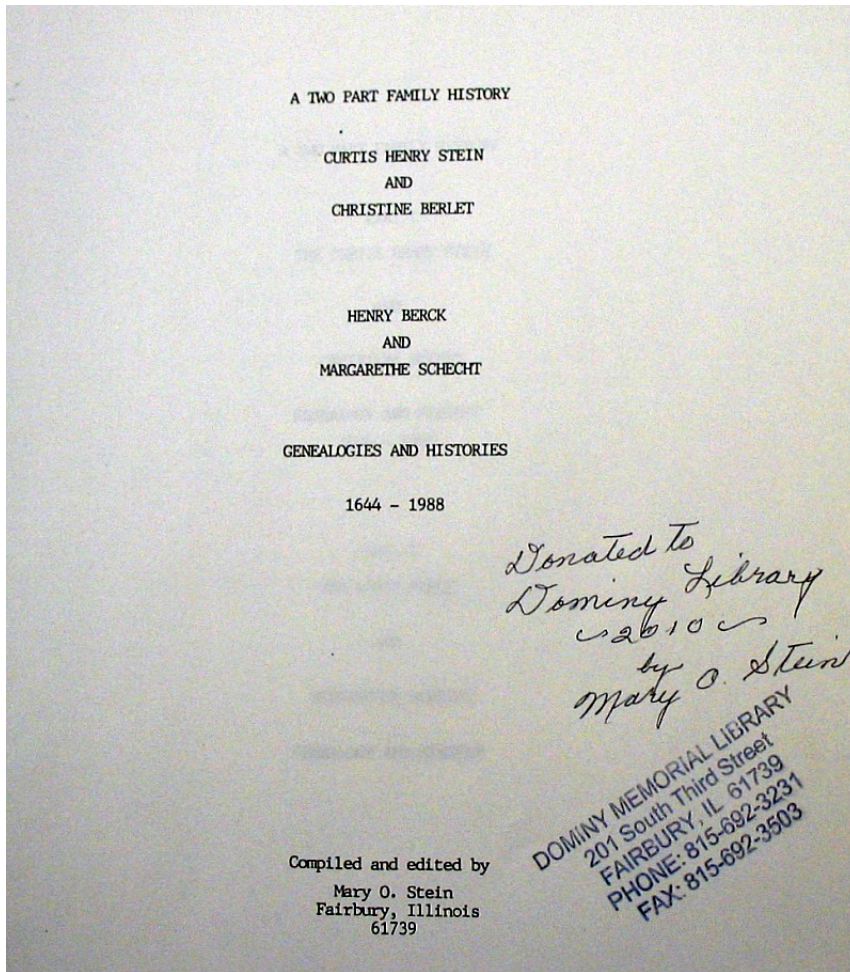
She wrote a book in 2011 titled ***In His Hands.***




STEIN, MARY O.

Mary published two family genealogy books. They are currently in the Dominy Memorial Library collection.





Mary's obituary from the Duffy Pils Funeral Home web site is shown below:



Mary Oline Stein
Born: January 19, 1917
Died: January 09, 2013

Mary Oline Stein, 95, Fairbury, died at 745 pm Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at Fairview Haven Retirement Community, Fairbury.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 pm Saturday, January 12, 2013 at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury with Pastor Paulette Cott officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Sibley.

Visitation will be 12:30 to 1:30 pm Saturday at the memorial home. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be given to the Cropsey United Methodist Church or Fairview Haven Retirement Community, Fairbury.





Mrs. Stein was born January 19, 1917 in Springfield, IL the daughter of Henry L. and Lillie Belle Murray Richardson. She married John F. Stein on February 11, 1944. He died on April 16, 1994.

Surviving is one son, Donald H. (Norma) Stein, Loami, IL; three daughters; Lois E. Farr, Canton, IL, Sue C. (Jim) Naffziger, Pekin, IL, Cynthia J. Gierich, Tremont, IL, seven grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by five brothers and one sister.

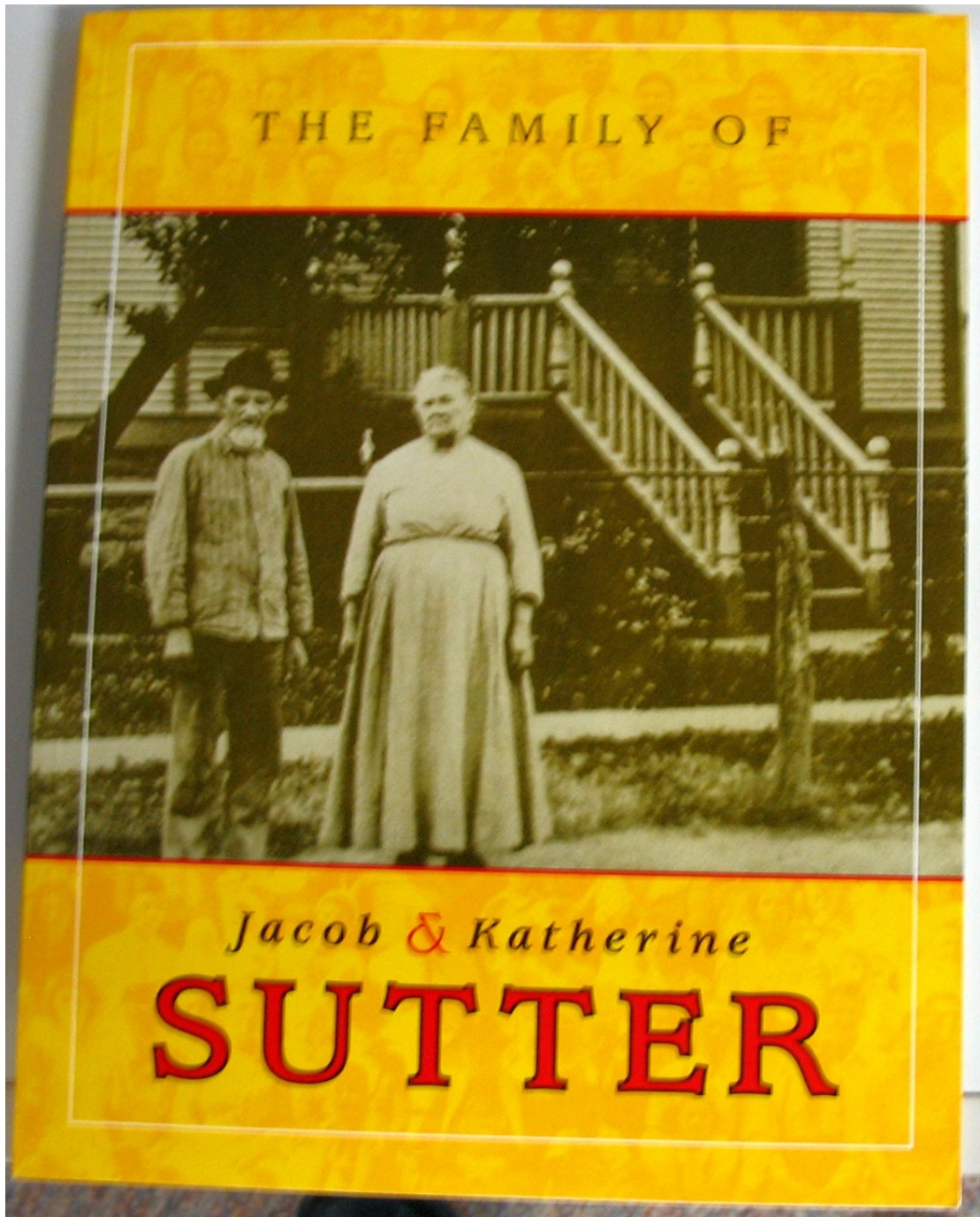
Mrs. Stein received both her Bachelor and Master's degree of Education from Illinois State University, Normal. She taught at LeRoy Grade School, Isaac Walton and Westview Grade Schools in Fairbury. She was a member of the Cropsey United Methodist Church, a former 4-H leader in Sibley, and a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

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SUTTER, BOB

He and Don Broquard wrote a book in 2005 titled *The Family of Jacob & Katherine Sutter*. A copy of this book is in the Fairbury Echoes Museum.



FORWARD

We wish to thank the many relatives who have helped with this Sutter family book. It would have been impossible to put together the information on the more than two thousand family members without your help. It has also been a wonderful experience for us to contact so many of you by telephone, letter and email. Thank you so much!

We have tried our best to include everyone, to have the correct spelling of names and to have all dates correct. However, you will inevitably find some errors in all of the above, and we apologize for this. If you find errors we would sincerely appreciate it if you would contact us so we can correct our database. We have used Family Tree Maker Version 11 to compile all of the information for this book. Data from this program can easily be transferred to any major genealogy software through a GEDCOM file, and we would be pleased to share this with any Sutter family relative who would like a copy. The main text of this book was converted to WORD format so that we can also provide electronic copies in that mode as well.

The Sutter family history is divided into fifteen sections, one for each child of Jacob and Katherine Sutter. The number "1" precedes the name of each of their children, representing the first generation. Each of the children's children (grandchild) will have a "2" in front of their name representing the second generation, and so forth. Therefore, among all families a "5" in front of a name will always represent the fifth generation, or great-great-great grandchild of Jacob and Katherine. A plus (+) sign indicates a marriage. The final section is an alphabetical index of all that are included in this book.

We found that the names of Jacob and Katherine and their children were spelled in various ways as a result of German names that evolved to a more English form. For instance, the oldest daughter, Eliza, was at various times also called Elisa, Liza, or Elizabeth. In most cases we have tried to use the names that were commonly used later in their lives.

It has been thirty years since the 1975 Sutter family book was published. It is our hope that this 2005 edition will serve to rekindle family ties and instill a sense of heritage for all of us, particularly the younger members of our family. Over the past two years that we have been working on this book we have gathered addresses and contact information for many of the families listed here, and we are willing to share that information with any family member. We hope you enjoy our Sutter family book, it's a great family!

Don Broquard

Bob Sutter

May 15, 2005

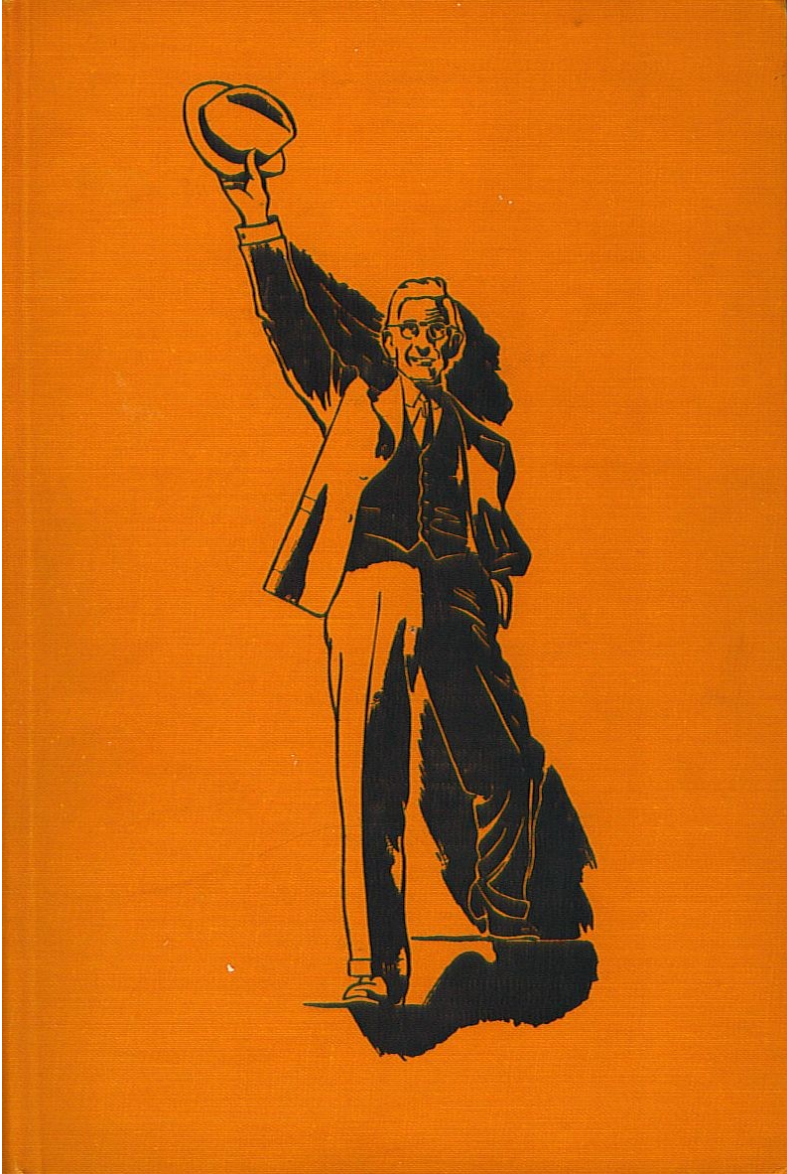
TOWNSEND, FRANCES E.

Frances Townsend is the most nationally famous citizen of Fairbury. He grew up in his early years in Fairbury.

Later in life, Townsend developed the idea that senior citizens should no longer have to work and should be supported by the government. Townsend developed this idea into a national movement called the Townsend Plan. Some people credit Townsend with helping to apply political pressure to create the Social Security system in the United States.

If you visit the Fairbury Post Office, when you enter the building, to your right on the wall is a plaque honoring Frances Townsend.

Townsend wrote an autobiography in 1943 titled *New Horizons*.



The author of this short story wrote a book review about Townsend's autobiography. This book review is repeated below:

Francis Townsend was born on a farm 3 miles east of Fairbury, Illinois. His father homesteaded on 160 acres. He gives an interesting description of growing up in Fairbury, including the typical day of a pioneer wife in the 1870s.

At 18, the family moves to Nebraska. The family is hoping for an easier life than farming in Fairbury. His father bought a hardware store. Francis dropped out of high school and went to California with his brother to harvest hay. Then he became a ranch hand 70 miles north of Los Angeles. He also did odd jobs in the Seattle area.

Francis returned home to Nebraska and finished high school at age 26. He then went to Kansas and lived with his married sister. He tried farming and taught school part-time. He got tired of that and hitched a train to Colorado to go gold mining. He ended up being a mucker, shoveling broken rock into train cars down in a mine.

Next he became a traveling salesman, selling cook stoves. He saved some money to start medical school at age 31 in 1899.

After becoming a doctor, he took up practice in South Dakota. He wrote letters to the editor of the newspaper complaining about corruption in the town. He also married a nurse in 1906. They had twin girls, but they died at 9 months of age. They adopted a girl, but she died shortly after giving birth. They had one son born to them.

In 1917 he enlisted as a WWI army doctor. He served in the states and dealt with the flu epidemic of 1918. He advocated for joining the League of Nations.

In 1919, he got very sick with peritonitis. To recover, he moved to Long Beach, California, which is where some of his medical school class mates lived.

In Long Beach, he experienced the Roaring 20s with real estate and petroleum booms.

In 1929, the Great Depression hit.

Dr. Townsend one day saw an old woman fumbling in a garbage can for scraps of food. He decided this was awful, and this drove him to come up with the idea of the Townsend Plan. All he wanted was the knowledge that the old woman who had been reduced to foraging in a garbage can for food, and all the other old people in the country, were secured from want and relieved of worry about the material necessities of life until death should come to them.

Townsend's theory was that as more inventions continued to be created, there would be surplus labor. His solution was to raise working man's wages by removing the age 60+ people from the work force.

In September, 1933, at age 67, he wrote his first letter to the editor advocating the Townsend Plan. His plan was that each person age 60 and above would receive a government pension of \$200 per month, and they had to spend that money within 30 days. Note this is equivalent to \$40,000 per year in 2012 dollars.

Townsend had several alternatives to raise the taxes required to pay for these pensions. These included a 3% income tax, a national sales tax, or a 2% tax on all financial transactions.

After writing the first editorial on the Townsend Plan, he started a national movement to institute the Townsend Plan. It grew rapidly to over 11,000 Townsend clubs nationwide. The movement even had national conventions. The first national convention was held in October 1935 in Chicago.

He published a newspaper that reached volumes of 310,047 issues in 1935.

In January 1935, the 1st Townsend Plan bill got introduced. It was revised to HR 7154 with a 2% transaction tax. It was not passed.

In 1936, Townsend testified before Congress. He thought he was being mistreated by the Congressional committee, so he walked out of the hearing. He was granted a presidential pardon for walking out.

Townsend made 14 motion picture mobile theaters and put them on the road to educate people who could not read.

On 8/14/35, FDR signed the Social Security Act. Lump sum payments started in 1937 and monthly checks started with Ida Mae Fuller in 1940. It was funded by a 2% income tax and payments were \$20 per month. The 2% is the total of employee and employer contributions.

Townsend passed away September 1, 1960.

His Townsend Movement mostly ended in 1940 after the Social Security act starting paying monthly checks. Remnants of his movement continued until the early 1980s.

This autobiography was well written in that it was easy to read.

If you are from Fairbury, it gives a good idea of what pioneer life was like in Fairbury in the 1870's and 1880's.

WAIBEL, WENDY KAYE ZEHR

In 2012, Wendy wrote a book titled *Seasons at the Homeplace*.



From Amazon.com:

Spring and summer, fall and winter... One of the blessings of life on the Illinois prairie is to fully experience the changing seasons. Nowhere is that more visible than living in an old farmhouse on a grain and livestock farm. Though the seasons changed, the love of family and faith in God did not. Just like the corn Dad grew in the fields, love and faith were deeply rooted in the generations that lived in a tall, white two-story farmhouse five miles south of the town of Fairbury -- Zehr Acres.

WELLS, JUDITH K.

Judy Wells focused on math teaching during her career in the educational field. She wrote seven books related to teaching math per the list below:

Last Name	First Name	Year	Title
Wells	Judith K.	1990	Link 'N' Learn Activity Book
Wells	Judith K.	1990	Math Mats Hands-on Activities for Young Children Teacher's Guide
Wells	Judith K.	1991	Three Bear Family: Activity Book, Grades K-3
Wells	Judith K.	1992	MathLink Cubes: Intermediate Activity Book
Wells	Judith K.	1995	Making Sense of Fractions: Replacement Unit, Grades 3-6
Wells	Judith K.	1998	Compare Bears Games and Activities Book
Wells	Judith K.	2010	Fun with Money Coin Activity Book: 118 Problem-Solving Activities and Games (Grades 1-3)

Judy is currently retired and lives in Fairbury. She is the sister-in-law of the author of this short story.

YODER, CAROLYN

She wrote a short story titled The Railroads & Fairbury. A copy of this short story is at the Fairbury Echoes Museum.

Carolyn Yoder's
THE RAILROADS & FAIRBURY
(Reading Room Copy)

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ZIMMERMAN, LOIS

Lois Zimmerman wrote two children's books. These two books were titled *Marc Marcus* and *Purple Pig*.

Lois passed away in early 2015.

Lois J. Zimmerman of Fairbury, Illinois | 1933 - 2015 | Obituary



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Lois J. Zimmerman

Born: October 18, 1933

Died: February 07, 2015

Lois J. Zimmerman, 81, of Fairbury, passed away at 8:20 pm, Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Advocate Bromenn Regional Medical Center, Normal.

Her Funeral will be at 10:30 am, Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church in Fairbury; with Pastor Floyd Blackard officiating. Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury.

Visitation will be from 4-7:00pm, Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorials be directed to SELCAS, Fairview Haven Retirement Community, or United Methodist Women of Fairbury.

Lois was born October 18, 1933, in El Paso the daughter of Lester and Aletha (Campbell) Smith. They preceded her in death. She married John J. Zimmerman on August 3, 1952, in El Paso. He passed away on April 21, 2012.

Survivors include two sons, Gary Zimmerman of Fairbury and Keith (Linda) Zimmerman of Gridley; three daughters, Barb Zimmerman, Beth (John) Marshall both of Fairbury, and Donna (Tim) Schroeder of Edwardsville; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren;

Lois was a 1951 graduate of El Paso High School. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Fairbury where she was President of the UMW and taught Sunday school for many years.

Lois loved writing. She oftentimes would write about family events as well as poetry for family at Christmas. She also wrote several children's books including Marc Marcus and Purple Pig .

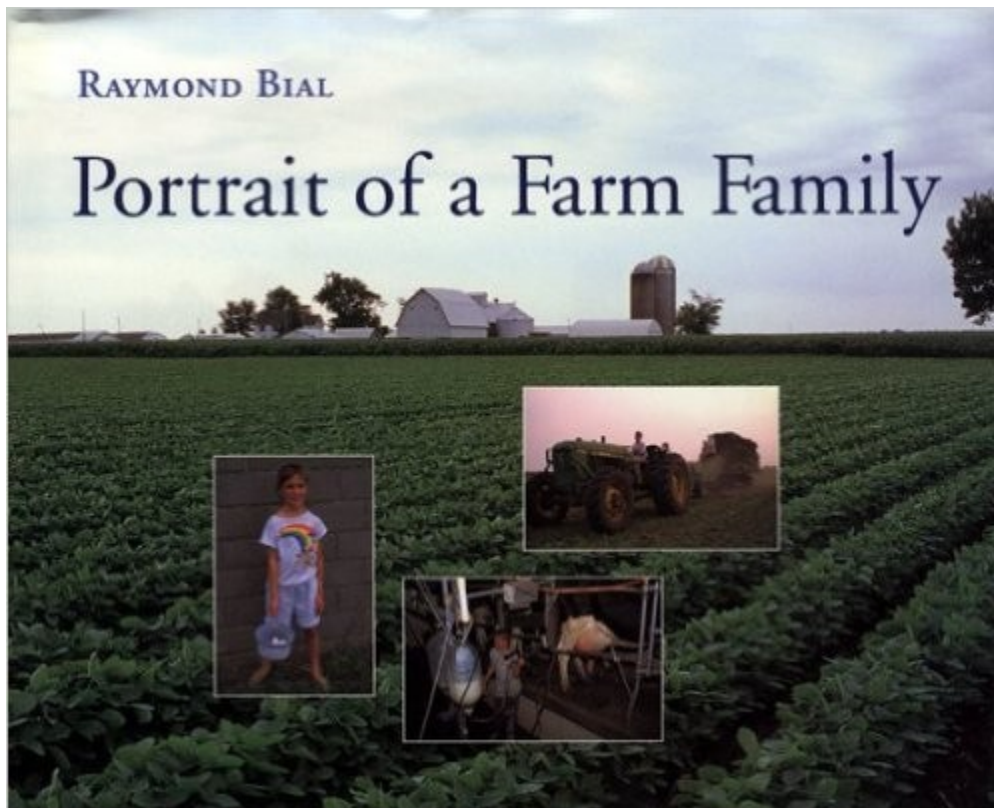
She was a wonderful children's storyteller and read for many events in the Fairbury area. Lois was a Librarian for Isaac Walton and Westview Elementary Schools as well as Dominy Memorial Library all in Fairbury. She also worked in retail for Hornsby's Variety Store in El Paso and Zimmerman True Value in Fairbury.

CHAPTER 3

Special Mention

BIEL, RAYMOND

Although the author was not from Fairbury, Raymond Bial wrote a book about farm life in Fairbury in 1995. The book is titled *Portrait of a Farm Family*, and is about the Steidinger family.



From Amazon.com:

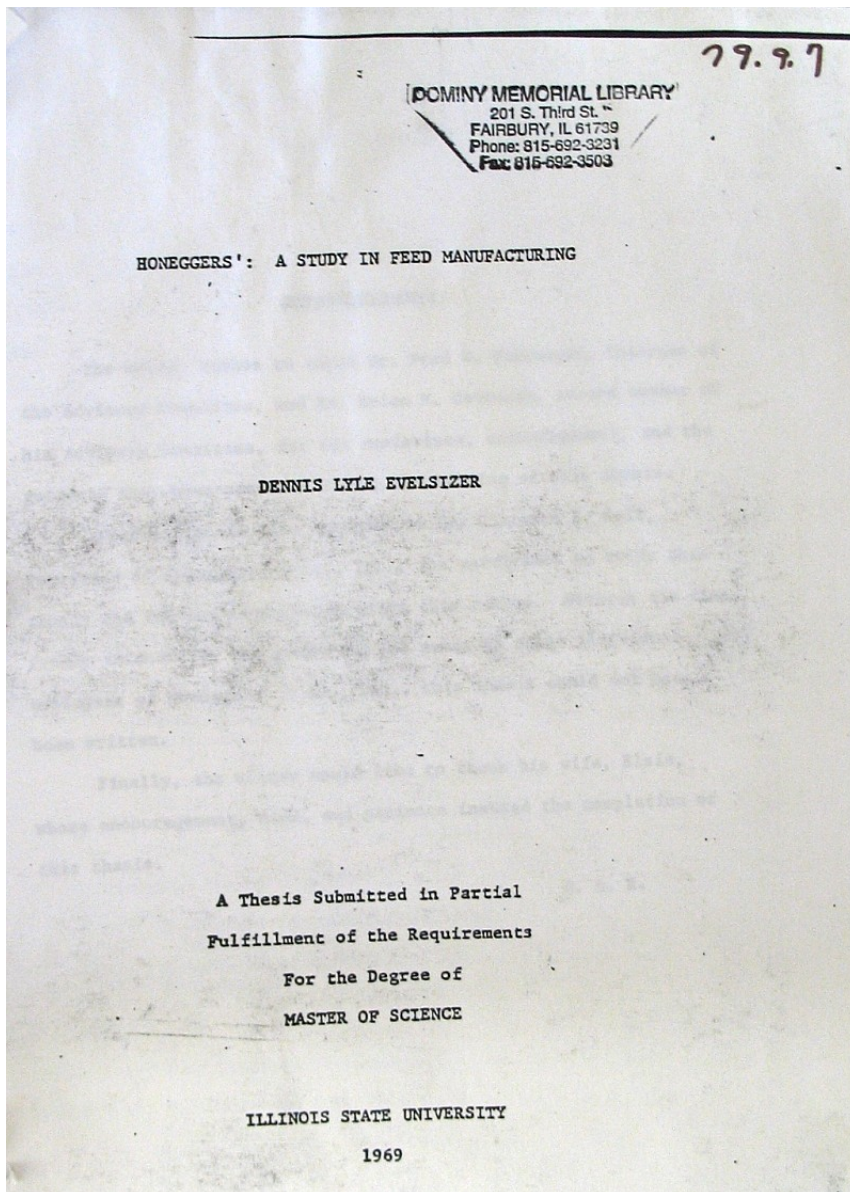
At five o'clock every morning and five o'clock every evening the fifty-five cows on the Steidinger farm are milked. Milking is one of the dozens of chores, day in and day out, that are part of life for a farm family. But it's not all work; there is the satisfaction of self-sufficiency and a life lived independently for Dennis and Jane Steidinger and their eight children. Telling the Steidinger's story in both words and spirited photographs, Raymond Bial portrays a way of life and the individual lives of the members of this farm family.

A copy of this book is available from the Dominy Memorial Library.

EVELSIZER, DENNIS

He wrote a 1969 thesis titled *Honeggers: A Study in Feed Manufacturing*. A copy is at the Fairbury Echoes Museum.





STRICKLAND, K.A.

In 1994, Kathy Strickland wrote a college research paper titled, *Saloonkeepers in Fairbury, Illinois, 1860-1920: Traditional Business in an Evolving Modern Community*. A copy of this paper is in the Dominy Memorial Library.

**SALOONKEEPERS IN FAIRBURY, ILLINOIS, 1860-1920:
TRADITIONAL BUSINESS IN AN EVOLVING MODERN COMMUNITY**

History 402
December 14, 1993
K.A. Strickland

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March 13, 1994

Ms. Margie Hedrick
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Corner of Third & Walnut
Fairbury, IL 61739

Dear Ms. Hedrick:

Enclosed please find a copy of my research paper, "Saloonkeepers in Fairbury, Illinois, 1860-1920: Traditional Business in an Evolving Modern Community." I wrote this paper for a historiography class at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, with help from Dr. Thomas Miller, a Fairbury native who is an assistant chancellor at the university. I hope that you will add it to your collection as an account of a small piece of the history of the town.

I wish to extend my thanks to the personnel of Dominy Library who answered my inquiries and collected information for me to use on my visit to the library. I truly appreciate your helpfulness.

To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sutter, my thanks for taking the time to talk to me about the history of Fairbury and for allowing me to use their personal collection of Fairbury documents, books, and papers.

I hope you will find this paper interesting; I enjoyed researching and compiling all this information and learning so much about the history of Fairbury.

Yours Truly,

K. A. Strickland

K. A. Strickland

CHAPTER 4

Summary

Total Number of Fairbury Authors

The list of all known Fairbury authors is shown below:

	Last Name	First Name
1	Albee	Dale R.
2	Ambrose	Larry
3	Broquard	Don
4	Canonge	Deanna Nussbaum
5	Decker	Neva Loy
6	Duncan	Debbie Jo Bachtold
7	Elliott	Matt
8	Ervin	Don L.
9	Garber	Lee Orville
10	Goembel	Sally J. Wessels
11	Hankes	Ray
12	Hankes	Ellen
13	Headley	Kenneth Edward
14	Hernandez	M. Shannon Spray
15	Hoffman	Muriel Martens
16	Ifft	Gary
17	James	Alma Lewis
18	Leman	Chad
19	Maley	Dale C.
20	Matson	John
21	McDonald	Dr. John
22	McMichael	Leah
23	Moore	Sandra Jean
24	Morsch	Mary Bodley
25	Nussbaum	Benjamin
26	Romig	Ralph V.
27	Schuette	Stephen D.
28	Simon	Erik
29	Stackpole	William T.
30	Steidinger	Trish
31	Stein	Mary O.
32	Sutter	Bob
33	Townsend	Francis E.
34	Waibel	Wendy Kaye Zehr
35	Wells	Judith K.
36	Yoder	Carolyn
37	Zimmerman	Lois

Number of Books Written by Author

The author of this short story has seen a listing of approximately twelve total works written by Alma Lewis James. Unfortunately, the author has been unable to find this list. For the purposes of tallying up the number of books written by author, we will credit Alma with twelve total books.

The list of Fairbury authors sorted by the number of books written is shown below:

Author Number	Number of Books Authored	Last Name	First Name
1	61	Maley	Dale C.
2	34	Garber	Lee Orville
3	12	James	Alma Lewis
4	7	Wells	Judith K.
5	4	Leman	Chad
6	3	Ambrose	Larry
7	3	Hoffman	Muriel Martens
8	3	Simon	Erik
9	3	Stackpole	William T.
10	2	Albee	Dale R.
11	2	Morsch	Mary Bodley
12	2	Nussbaum	Benjamin
13	2	Stein	Mary O.
14	2	Zimmerman	Lois
15	1	Canonge	Deanna Nussbaum
16	1	Decker	Neva Loy
17	1	Duncan	Debbie Jo Bachtold
18	1	Elliott	Matt
19	1	Ervin	Don L.
20	1	Goembel	Sally J. Wessels
21	1	Hankes	Ray
22	1	Hankes	Ellen
23	1	Headley	Kenneth Edward
24	1	Hernandez	M. Shannon Spray
25	1	Ifft	Gary
26	1	Matson	John
27	1	McDonald	Dr. John
28	1	McMichael	Leah
29	1	Moore	Sandra Jean
30	1	Romig	Ralph V.
31	1	Schuette	Stephen D.
32	1	Steidinger	Trish
33	1	Townsend	Francis E.
34	1	Waibel	Wendy Kaye Zehr
35	1	Yoder	Carolyn
36	0.5	Broquard	Don
37	0.5	Sutter	Bob
	162	Total Books	

Per the listing above, 36 Fairbury authors have written a total of 162 books!

Conclusion

With the advent of personal computers and the Internet, it has become much easier to research, write, and publish books. Hopefully future Fairbury citizens will continue to write even more books for the public to enjoy.

References

None

Recommended Reading

Stuffed Clubs & Antimacassars by Alma Lewis James. New copies of this book are still available from the Fairbury Echoes Museum on Main Street in Fairbury.

Web Sites

None

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Dale C. Maley

Author Spotlight

Dale C. Maley is the author of the book ***Index Mutual Funds: How to Simplify Your Financial Life and Beat the Pros***. He was also a contributing author to Chapter 18 in the 2009 book ***The Bogleheads Guide to Retirement Planning***. Dale is a very successful private investor who has been a student of Financial Planning and Investing for over 33 years.

He was trained as an engineer at the University of Illinois and has been a practicing engineer for 36 years. His accomplishments as an engineer include the granting of 16 U.S. Patents and authorship of over 535 professional technical papers. He is also a member of the International Society of Automotive Engineers and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

Dale earned an MBA (Masters Degree in Business Administration) degree from Illinois State University. Dale became a Registered Financial Advisor in the State of Illinois in 2006. He works part-time as a fee-only financial planner. He is President of Maley Financial Planning.

One of Dale's hobbies is history, including the history of Fairbury, Illinois. He has given several lectures to local Fairbury community groups about the history of Fairbury. Both Dale and his wife are 5th generation citizens of Fairbury.

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Also by Dale C. Maley

Index Mutual Funds: How to Simplify Your Financial Life and Beat the Pro's

How Asset Allocation Can Help You Achieve Your Financial Goals

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers about ETF's and Index Funds

Why We Don't Save Enough for Retirement and How You Can Save More

Are You Using the Right Rules to Plan Your Retirement?

How to Use Psychology to Achieve Your Financial Goals

Should Immediate Annuities Be a Tool in Your Retirement Planning Toolbox?

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Do I Need Long-Term Care Insurance?

Do I Need Long-Term Disability Insurance?

How to Read Your Way to Financial Wealth

How Do I Select the Correct Risk Level for My Portfolio?

How Do I Estimate Retirement Living Expenses?